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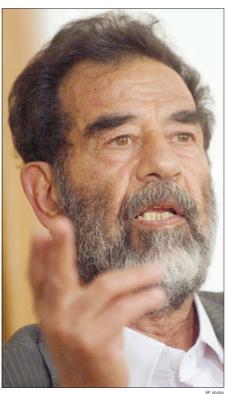
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# Saddam defiant in court

Iraqis watching proceedings express mixed feelings Page 3



Above: In this image cleared by the U.S. military, former Iraqi President Saddam Husseir appears in a curtroom at Camp Victory, a former Saddam palace on the outskirts of Baghdad on Thursday. Throughout the hearing, Saddam continued to refer to himself as the president of Iraq and refused to sign paperwork without his lawyer. Right: Iraqis in a Baghdad electronics store watch Saddam speak during the hearing. Some citizens said they felt uneasy and were angered at the former president's attitude.

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### ws Tracker ... What's new with old news

### States

Tractor standoff: The tobacco farmer who tied up part of Washington in a 47-hour standoff in 2003 by driving his tractor into a pond on the National Mall and claiming he had a bomb may be out

jail soon U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jack-son reduced Dwight Ware Watson's sen-tence on Wednesday from six years to just 16 months

Jackson on Wednesday cited a Supreme Court ruling that came one day after last week's initial sentencing. The high court ruled that only juries — not judges — can lengthen prison terms beyond the maximum set out in state sentencing guidelines.

Great White lawsuit: The lead singer of Great White, the band that was playing before a nightclub fire that killed 100 people in Rhode Island, has sued a former publicist

for slander.
Vocalist Jack Russell alleges that spokes person Charrie Foglio threatened to tell charity organizations associated with the 2003 blaze at The Station nightclub that the singer and his manager, Obi Steinman, were withholding money they promised for a fund set up to benefit survivors.

Russell claims in the lawsuit that all of the profits from the tour went to charity, and that Foglio was claiming he kept some of the money for himself.

Governor's plane: The Federal Aviation Administration has found that a civilian air traffic controller outside Washington failed to recognize a signal that would have eased concerns about Gov. Ernie Fletcher's plane flying in re-stricted airspace near the U.S. Capitol.

The plane's presence led to an evacuation June 9 while former President Reagan's body lay in state.

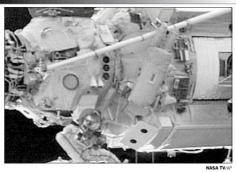
Fake abduction: Audrey Seiler, the University of Wisconsin-Madison student who faked her abduction, was sentenced Thurs-day in Madison, Wis., to three years' probation after she pleaded guilty to two misdemeanor counts

Seiler read a statement during the court hearing in which she attributed the ordeal to severe depression that caused her to act irrationally.

"I'm taking care of myself now, so some day people will see I'm still a girl to be proud of," said Seiler, who withdrew from school after the widely publicized incident and is in therapy

### World

Hong Kong democracy: Hundreds of trains had departed on March 11.



Space walk: Expedition 9 Commander Gennady Padalka rests under the Zarya module of the international space station during a televised spacewalk Wednesday. Padalka and fellow crewmember Mike Fincke successfully completed a riskier-than-usual spacewalk, in which they repaired a circuit breaker on one of the stations' four gyroscopes.

thousands of people marched through downtown Hong Kong on Thursday, demanding full democracy and venting anger at China's Communist leaders for denying them the right to directly elect their government.

About 530,000 people participated, ac-

cording to protest organizers, while police said they counted 200,000 people partway through the rally, which lasted a little more than five hours

Myanmar elections: Detained pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi's party on Thursday dismissed as unrealistic a reported pledge from Myanmar's military govern-ment that she would be allowed to run in future elections

Madrid attacks: Lawmakers due to probe the Madrid terrorist attack summoned 13 people on Thursday - mainly police officials for a first round of testimony next week, leaving former government ministers for the final stage of the politically charged investigation.

The panel will get down to work Tuesday with testimony from a doorman who says h saw young men carrying knapsacks toward the train station in Alcala de Henares, the town from which three of the four bombed

Saudi amnesty: A Saudi militant who surrendered under the royal amnesty an-nounced last week has urged his comrades to turn themselves in as well.

Othman Hadi Al Maqboul al-Amri, who had been among the kingdom's most wanted men until he surrendered Monday, also said on state television Wednesday night that he regrets his past. Al-Amri had primarily been involved in smuggling weapons.

Bali bombings: Six Muslim militants thought to have played a role in the bomb-ings of two nightclubs on the resort island of Bali and the J.W. Marriott hotel in Jakarta have been arrested in Indonesia, police said Thursday.

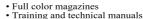
National Police Chief Gen. Da' Bachtiar would not release their names but insisted they all played a central role in the attacks.

SARS outbreak: The head of China's main disease-research agency has resigned to take responsibility for an outbreak of SARS this year that started at one of his agency's laboratories and killed one person, the official Xinhua News Agency reported Thursday.

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# Saddam appears in Iraqi court

### Ex-dictator calls Bush 'criminal'

BY JIM KRANE AND HAMZA HENDAWI The Associated Pres

BAGHDAD - Saddam Hussein scoffed at allegations of war crimes and genocide during a brief but captivating court appearance Thursday, defiantly rejecting the accusations, questioning the legitimacy of the court and even his status as a prisoner.

In his first public appearance since his capture by U.S. troops in December, Saddam fixed the young Iraqi judge with a penetrat-ing stare and declared: "You know that this is all a theater by

Bush, the criminal, to help him

He brushed off his campaign." Saddam the charges, was handcuffed when suggesting that brought from a secret location to Camp Victory, he enjoyed one of his former immunity as palaces on Bagh-dad's western outthe nation's skirts. Arriving in president and an armored bus the shackles were later refused to removed for the 26-minute hearsign aing. "I am Saddam

statement

Hussein, the presi-dent of Iraq," he listing them. said unprompted, sitting down in a chair facing the judge on the other side of a wooden railing. When asked his name, he repeated it in full: "Saddam Hussein al-Majid, president of

Iraq At times, Saddam, rather than the judge, seemed to be in command of the hearing, firmly sig-naling that he be allowed to speak. The former dictator appeared sometimes to be lecturing the young magistrate, occasionally making his points with near threatening hand gestures.

He insisted that the judge refer to him as "president of the Republic of Iraq

Afterward, 11 other defendants appeared one by one to hear the charges. Most of them appeared tired, broken men, shadows of their former roles as masters of

the Iraqi nation

The 11 include former Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz, the regime's best-known spokesman in

the West and Ali Hasan al-Majid, known as "Chemical Ali'

Saddam's appearance, however, dominated the day's proceedings and gave Iraqis their first look at the former dictator since a humiliating video with a rumpled, tired Saddam submitting to an oral exam by his American captors. Crowds of Iraqis gathered around television sets in cafes, hotel lobbies and in their homes to watch the man who dominated their lives for nearly a generation.

Many of them watched with a mixture of awe and unease. Some said Iraqis should instead focus on solving their prob-

lems, while others saw poetic justice in his trial Unaccompa-

nied by a lawyer, Saddam was presented with seven preliminary charges that included gassing thousands Kurds in Halabia in 1988, the 1990 invasion of Kuwait, the suppression of 1991 revolts by Kurds and Shiites, the murder of religious and political leaders and the

mass displacement of Kurds in the 1980s He brushed off the charges, suggesting that he enjoyed immu nity as the nation's president and later refused to sign a statement

listing them. Saddam, whose mood swung during the hearing from nervousness and exasperation to contempt and defiance, even anger, appeared most agitated when Ku-

wait was mentioned.

A formal indictment with specific charges is expected later, according to Salem Chalabi, direc-tor of the Iraqi Special Tribunal.

Those were expected to include war crimes, genocide and crimes against humanity. The trial is not expected until 2005.

Chalabi said the next legal sten would be gathering evidence by investigating judges. "Down the line, there will be an indictment, if there is enough evidence — obviously, and a timetable starts with respect to a trial date.

### White House: Hearing is beginning of justice

WASHINGTON - The White House dismissed accusations from Saddam Hussein on Thursday that President Bush was "the real criminal," and heralded Saddam's arraignment as an important step forward for Iragis.

In a court appearance in Baghdad, Saddam rejected charges of war crimes and genocide, telling a judge "this is all theater, the real criminal is Bush

Later in the day Bush watched a televised replay of the former Iraqi leader during Saddam's 30-minute arraignment, said White House spokesman Scott McClellan. McClellan brushed off reporters' questions about Saddam's remarks, the first words heard from the former Iraqi leader in months.

McClellan said it would be more worthwhile to listen to Saddam's victims and their relatives.

McClellan said the arraignment itself was evidence of a new Iraq. "I think what you're seeing is, from the court itself, that justice and the rule of law are part of the new Iraq," McClellan said.



Saddam Hussein appears in a courtroom for a preliminary hearing Thursday at Camp Victory, a former Saddam palace on the outskirts of Baghdad.



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### **Survey: Troops returning with severe stress**

### Army finds 1 in 6 servicemembers have symptoms, but few seek help

By STEPHANIE NANO

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - The Army's first study of the mental health of American troops who fought in Iraa found that about one in six reported symptoms of post-traumat-

The survey also showed that less than half of those with problems sought help, mostly out of fear of being stigmatized or hurting their careers

The survey of Army and Marine combat units was conducted a few months after their return from Iraq or Afghanistan last year. Most studies of past wars' effects on mental health were done years later, making it difficult to

compare the latest results with wars, said Dr. (Col.) Charles W. Hoge, a researcher at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research.

Of particular concern, he said, is that troops with problems are not seeking care. The study was published in Thursday's New England Journal

of Medicine. Once called shell shock or combat fatigue, post-traumatic stress

disorder can develop after witnessing or experiencing a traumatic event. Symptoms include flash. backs, nightmares, feelings of detachment, irritability, trouble con-

centrating and

sleeplessness.

Dr. Matthew J Friedman, executive director of the Department of Veterans Affairs' National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. said it is remarkable to have the study's results available while there are still troops in Iraq and

But he said he believes the esti-

"I'm not an alarmist, but I think

mates are conservative and that it

may be too early to determine the

this is a serious problem. It may

be worse just because of the na-

ture of the war," he said, citing ex-

tended tours of duty and the

change of mission from liberation

In the study of 6,201 service-

members, the researchers sur-

veyed four groups: Army bri-

gades before they went to Iraq,

after six months in Afghanistan

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for Post-Traumatic

The soldiers and Marines filled out anonymous questionnaires asking about their mental health, their use of mental health services and their combat experience. The returning troops took the survey three to four months after coming home.

Only active-duty combat troops were questioned.

Symptoms of major depression, anxiety or post-traumatic stress disorder were reported by 16 percent to 17 percent of those

who served in Iraq, 11 percent of those who were in Afghanistan and 9 percent questioned before they left.

The differences were greatest for post-traumatic stress disorder with about twice as many with PTSD after Iraq (12 percent) than Afghanistan (6 percent). Before deployment, the rate was 5 percent, about the same as the general U.S. popula-

tion. Stress Disorder The troops in Iraq saw more combat, including firefights and attacks, than those in Afghanistan. The Iraq units took part in the early fighting of the war

Studies done years after the Vietnam and Gulf wars showed the rate of post-traumatic stress disorder at the time was 15 percent for Vietnam veterans and 2 percent to 10 percent for Gulf War veterans, the researchers re-

In the latest study, only 38 percent to 40 percent of those who indicated mental health disorders were interested in getting help, and 23 percent to 40 percent reported seeing someone for help. They cited concerns about how they would be seen by peers and potential damage to their careers.

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### Study is starting point for addressing mental health

Services look for better ways to prepare troops for strain

By SANDRA JONTZ

Stars and Strings

ARLINGTON, Va. - Troops surveyed after serving in Iraq and Afghanistan have indicated that the stigma of seeking coun seling would keep them from doing so, said the two authors of an Army battle-stress study

"The most important finding are the barriers to care," said co-author Army Col. Charles Hoge, chief of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research

"Soldiers and Marines with mental health [issues] don't re ceive help because of the stigma '

Such a stigma isn't anything new, acknowledged the other co-principal investigator, Lt. Col. Carl Castro

"Are the findings surprising? Not really. We know, for example, that combat ... impacts soldiers. We know that from previous wars. We know there is a cultural barrier and a stigma" to seeking treatment.

But for the first time, the study puts a number to the fact, he

"This allows us to quantify the problem, to characterize what we are trying to address. And now, when we implement new programs, policies and procedures, we will have the numbers to assess whether they are working.

"The whole reason we're conducting the study is to address this issue. We know we're not perfect. The Army is a learning organization. We know there is a culture of stigma to mental health, and we need to find out evactly what those barriers are and what we can do as an organization to reduce or eliminate them."

The military services have several initiatives to counter perceived barriers, some related to the study and some started independently to address problems of post traumatic stress disor-der, depression, suicides and other mental health concerns. Castro said.

### Troops not seeking mental health care

Of the 12 percent of combat units surveyed who met the screening criteria for a mental disorder, 83 percent acknowledged they had a problem but only 29 percent had received professional help over the past year.

Perceived barriers to seeking mental health services Soldiers and Marines with a mental disorder who agree and strongly agree

There would be difficulty aettina My unit leadership might treat time off work for treatment. me differently.

55% It would harm my career.

50% Members of my unit might have less confidence in me.

59%

NOTE: Of the soldiers and Marines surveyed, 731 met the criteria for major depression generalized anxiety or post-traumatic stress disorder, but not all answered every question

SOURCE: New England Journal of Medicine

"One of the things we're doing is we're using training and edu cation, telling the soldiers what they might experience and what to expect" on the battlefield, said Castro, who also was one of 12 mental health experts who visited Iraq and Kuwait last summer

Part of their task included investigating suicides in the field Last year, there were 26 self-inflicted deaths in Iraq and Kuwait between April and December, with 24 in the Army and two in the Marine Corps

Troops indicated that receiving pre-deployment education and training made them more likely to both seek out mental help, and to comfort fellow soldiers. Castro said.

The Pentagon's health system also is boosting the number of mental health counselors and so cial workers at primary care facilities, embedding mental health providers on the battlefield so troops don't have to leave their units to get treatment, and conducting mandatory post-deployment health assessments, which include a mental health evaluation, though they are not anonymous.

The DOD-wide program Military One Source lets members receive six free and confidential

sessions with a civilian provider off-post, and thus outside of the military system and a member's chain of command. Castro said.

63%

My leaders would blame me

I would be seen as weak.

65%

for the problem

The programs are less than a vear old and officials have noresearch data on its use or effectiveness as of yet, he said.

In order to keep the service confidential, participants are issued an identification number Those needing more than the six sessions must be brought back into the military medical system.

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# U.S. hits suspected al-Zarqawi safehouse

### Airstrike reportedly kills 4 in Fallujah hideout as insurgents continue attacks

BY TODD PITMAN

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.S. jets pounded a suspected safehouse of terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi in Falluiah on Thursday.

The missile strike, the latest in a series targeting the man suspected of masterminding deadly attacks and beheadings in Iraq, killed four people, according to a doctor in the insurgent-controlled city.

In other violence, a homemade bomb exploded near the northern city of Mosul as a military convoy passed by, killing a coalition soldier and wounding two others, the military said. The soldiers' nationalities were not immediately

A roadside bomb detonated near a central Baghdad hospital, wounding a senior Iraqi Finance Ministry official and killing two of his guards, police and hospital officials said. Ehsan Karim, the head of the ministry's audit board, suffered slight injuries, said Col. Adnan Hussein, head of the Interior Ministry's information office.

Another roadside bomb exploded in the Amiriya district of the capital after a U.S. patrol passed through. Several Iraqi bystanders were killed and injured, Hussein said.

The U.S. attack on the safe house was launched after "multiple confirmations of Iraqi and multinational intelligence," said Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, deputy operations director for the multinational force.

"This operation employed pre-

cision weapons to attack the safe house and underscores the resolve of multinational and Iraqi security forces to jointly destroy terrorist networks within Iraq," Kimmitt said.

Kimmitt did not mention casualties in his statement, but Dr. Loai Ali of the Fallujah General Hospital said four people were killed and 10 injured. There was no word on whether al-Zarqawi was in the house.

The raid came hours after rebels fired mortar rounds at a U.S. base on the outskirts of Baghdad's airport, wounding 11 soldiers and starting a fire that burned for more than an hour.

U.S. forces have mounted three previous airstrikes against suspected terrorist hideouts in recent days. On Friday, U.S. jets pounded a suspected al-Zarqawi hideout, killing up to 25 people, U.S. officials said.

Al-Zarqawi, a Jordanian militant said to be connected to al-Qaida, is believed to be behind a series of coordinated attacks on police and security forces last week that killed 100 people. He is also believed to be behind the beheading of two hostages, American Nicholas Berg and South Korean Kim Sun-il

U.S. authorities Wednesday increased to \$25 million the reward for information leading to his arrest, more than doubling the previous offering of \$10 million. Osama bin Laden has a \$25 million bounty on his head.

Fallujah is believed to have become a stronghold of the al-Zarqawi's Tawhid and Jihad movement since Marines lifted their three-week siege in April and handed over security to a locally raised force commanded by officers from Saddam's army.

### Iraqis mixed on Saddam hearing

BY TAREK EL-TABLAWY AND NADIA ABOU EL-MAGD The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraqis gathered around televisions to watch Saddam Hussein in court Thursday, uneasy about the effects of the images on their country and in some cases angered by the control they believed he seemed to wield over

the proceedings.

Some described the scene not as justice but "American propaganda."

As the former dictator appeared in court Thursday to hear charges ranging from genocide to crimes against humanity, some of the 25 million people who spent the better part of their lives under his authority voiced mixed emotions.

"This is not the time," said Mohammed Mahdi as he and several co-workers watched a small television set in a hotel lobby tuned to an Arabic language satellite station. "The country has too many other problems now that should be fixed first," Mahdi said. "What have reseing now is nothing more than propaganda. This is for Bush's sake, for the sake of the American elections. This doesn't have anything to do with justice for Iraqis."

Some refused to comment, fearful even now of making statements about the former regime. At another Baghdad hotel, a group of about 16 men glared at a television.

"Look at him. This isn't the face of a prisoner. He's running the courtroom," said one man.

"With all the mass graves we have seen in Iraq, I think Saddam deserves capital punishment," said Sawsam Jamal, a Kurdish woman from Kirkuk, a region where the deposed leader reportedly authorized the gassing of thousands of people and the murder of thousands more.

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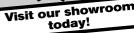
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### Rell sworn in as new governor of Connecticut

HARTFORD, Conn. — M. Jodi Rell was sworn in Thursday as Connecticut's governor, promising to restore "faith, integrity and honor" after taking over from John G. Rowland, who resigned amid a federal corruption investigation and a threatened impeachment.

Rell, S8, a Republican who ran on Rowland's ticket three times, took the oath of office shortly after noon on the north steps of the state Capitol. Rowland, who has been under fire for accepting gifts from employees and state contractors, did not attend the inauguration

### Tony Hope dies nearly a year after his dad

LOS ANGELES — Anthony J. "Tony" Hope, son of the late American entertainer Bob Hope and former head of the U.S. National Indian Gaming Commission, died Monday, his sister said. He was 63.

Hope died at his home in Washington, D.C., after a brief undisclosed

illness, Linda Hope said from her home in Los Angeles. His death comes nearly a year after the death of his father. Tony Hope ran for U.S. Congress in 1986, seeking to fill the seat va-

Tony Hope ran for U.S. Congress in 1986, seeking to fill the seat vacated by Republican representative Bobbi Fiedler of California. Hope was upset in the primary by the little-known mayor of Simi Valley, Calif., Elton Gallegly, who went on to win the general election.

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### Powell seeks N. Korea disarmament

BY GEORGE GEDDA The Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Secretary of State Colin Powell said Thursday that North Korea would be wasting its time if it holds out for economic benefits from the United States before showing serious intent to dismantle its nuclear weapons program.

"As we follow the principle of word for word and deed for deed, we have to see deeds before we are prepared to put something on the table," Powell told a news conference. Powell is here for the annual summer round of meetings

of Pacific rim foreign ministers. North Korean Foreign Minister Paek Nam Sun is here but Powell said no meeting had been arranged as yet.

The United States and North Korea are part of a six-nation process designed to end the impasse over the communist country's nuclear weapons program.

A meeting of the six was held sweek in China, with no sign of progress toward a solution. Other participants are China, South Korea, Japan and Russia. Powell, who was joined by more than 15 diplomatic colleagues at the news conference, did not use harsh lan-

ers. guage in addressing U.S. concerns about North Korea's stance. He added that if North Korea arcommits itself quickly to disarma-

commits itself quickly to disarmament, progress on a comprehensive deal could be swift. "We don't think that what's been asked for will be very difficult to achieve," he said. A major hangup is North Ko-

A major hangup is North Korea's continued denial that it is trying to develop a uranium-based nuclear weapon in addition to a plutonium-based weapon that it readily acknowledges. In Powell's view, it makes no sense to discuss denuclearization of the peninsula if North Korea does not declare all aspects of its nuclear program.

### Bush marks anniversary of Civil Rights Act

BY SCOTT LINDLAW

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush, who fared poorly among black voters in 2000, planned to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 on Thursday with an East Room tribute to its legacy and the people who fought for its pas-

Signed by President Lyndon Johnson on July 2, 1964, after a record two-month filibuster by Southern senators, the act banned segregation in any facility offering public services and outlawed discrimination in hiring

The act "was a landmark day for America," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said. "It moved us forward to be a better nation committed to equal rights and equal opportunity for all Americans."

negate san equation properties of the East Room "to the Courageous men and women who fought long and the courageous men and women who fought long and said Bush favey just 9 percent of the black vote in 2000, the lowest since Barry Goldwater garmerd just 6 percent after his campaign against Johnson in 1964, and has tried sporadically to beef up his support among the group.

### Cassini craft becomes lord of Saturn rings

BY JOHN ANTCZAK
The Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — Just hours after swooping into orbit around Saturn, the Cassini spacecraft sent "absolutely mind-blowing" images of the giant planet's rings back to Earth early Thursden

The first shadowy close-ups of ring segments were taken from the U.S.-European craft as it entered orbit late Wednesday. As more and more pictures came in Thursday, the images from the dark side of the rings gradually gave way to increasingly clear pictures.

Mission scientists and engineers at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory had watched tensely late Wednesday as a signal indicated first that Cassini launched nearly seven years ago — had safely passed through the ring plane and then performed a crucial engine firing. It squeezed



Carolyn Porco, image team leader, speaks at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratories in Pasadena, Calif., with an image of Saturn's rings taken by Cassini after the spacecraft entered orbit

through a gap in Saturn's shimmering rings, fired its brakes and settled into a near-perfect orbit around the giant planet.

around the giant planet.
"I can tell you it feels awfully
good to be in orbit around the lord

of the rings," JPL Director and Cassini radar team member Charles Elachi said.

Mission officials huddled before a control room screen as the raw images came in Thursday from more than 900 million miles away. Some ring segments appeared as a bland haze. Others resembled ripples in water or crisp

bands of light and dark.

"Absolutely mind-blowing," imaging team leader Carolyn Porco said as an image resembling tight-grained wood popped up.

"Look at that sharp edge. That brings tears to my eyes," Porco said. "Most of the structures we see, we don't know the cause of it. That's why we've gone back to Saturn."

Putting the first spacecraft into orbit around Saturn marked another major success this year for NASA, which has had two rovers operating on Mars since January and has a spacecraft heading home with samples from a comet encounter.



### IN THE WORLD

### Japan: Jenkins to reunite with family in Indonesia

BY NATALIE OBIKO PEARSON The Associated Press

TOKYO - An alleged U.S. Army deserter living in North Korea has agreed to travel to Indonesia to be reunited with his Japanese wife, Japan's foreign minister said Thursday.

Foreign Minister Kawaguchi said she received the message in a meeting with her North Korean counterpart, Paek Nam Sun, in Jakarta on the sidelines of a regional conference.

Japan has been seeking a re union between Charles Robert Jenkins, an alleged U.S. Army de-serter and defector to North Korea, and his Japanese wife, Hitomi Soga, and their two North Ko-

rean-born daughters. Soga has been separated from her family since being released by North Korea to return to Japan in 2002 after being abducted 24 years earlier by Northern agents to train spies in Japanese language and culture.

Japan's NHK television station. citing unnamed sources at the Kawaguchi-Paek talks, said North Korea had agreed to let the meeting in Indonesia go ahead

Tokyo had hoped the family would join Soga in Japan. But Jen-kins and their two daughters have refused to travel there out of fear he might be extradited to the United States to face desertion

Washington calls Jenkins a wanted man and has rebuffed Tokyo's requests that it refrain from nmsecuting



Kawaguchi told report-ers after her meeting with Pack No specif-

"We were

ic date or location in Indonesia have yet been decided But Kawaguchi added, "July 23 is the birthday of (Soga's) secand daughter Relinda we

would very much like to see it happen before then." Indonesia has proposed three possible locations for the reunion the island of Bali, Yogyakarta or Bogor, Kyodo News agency said, citing an unnamed official from In-

donesia's Foreign Ministry. Jenkins, of Rich Square, North Carolina, allegedly deserted his U.S. Army post in South Korea and crossed over into the North

### **New port rules in place**

### Smooth start as security restrictions kick in worldwide

BY JAKE LLOYD-SMITH The Associated Press

SINGAPORE - U.N.-backed rules to protect shipping from terrorists came into force Thursday with the world's two busiest ports in Hong Kong and Singapore reporting no early snags, suggesting Asia's major maritime centers could take the

However, a security expert warned a key test remained to come in the United States, where Coast Guard officials have warned they will apply the new rules rigorously.

"The Port of Singapore maintained smooth operations despite the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code coming into force today," the Maritime and Port Authority, or MPA, said in a statement

Forty-one vessels arrived at the city-state's sprawling-but-efficient port in the first 10 hours after midnight, and all had presented the correct documentation, the MPA said

In Hong Kong everything was normal, with no delays or other problems said Choi Kim-lue, Hong Kong port chairman of the Cargo-Vessel Traders' Association

Port facilities, owners of ships larger than 500 tons and the companies that unload them must make detailed plans to prepare for terrorist threats under the U.N. International Maritime Organization, or IMO, code.

Ships must have a security officer, alarm sys tem, automatic identification system and a method of checking IDs of people who board. They must

also restrict access to the engine room and bridge. Vessels could be turned away at port if they don't have a certificate signed by their flag nation

that states their compliance with the treaty.

The rules were drafted after the Sept. 11, 2001, al-Qaida attacks in the United States. Osama bin Laden's network is also blamed for the 2000 attack on the USS Cole that killed 17 American servicemen, and the bombing of the French tanker Limburg, which killed one person and spilled 90,000 barrels of oil off the Yemeni coast.

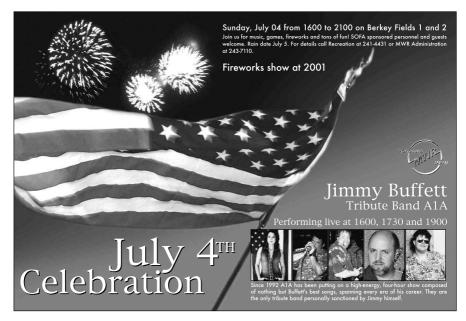
In 2002, Asia was home to the world's top six busiest ports — Hong Kong, Singapore, Busan in South Korea, Shanghai and Shenzhen in China, and Kaohsiung in Taiwan.

Their performance gives a vital sense of whether the new regime will trigger widespread disrup-tion — as some had feared — as noncompliant ships are detained, delayed or turned away

Kaohsiung on Thursday reported no disrup-tions.In Thailand, about 350 of 440 Thai-flagged vessels had completed IMO paperwork, but more investment was needed at the country's main port at Laem Chabang to bring it up to the new standards, said Sub. Lt. Preecha Phetwong, the director of the Marine Safety and Environment Bureau at the Marine Department.

Ninety-seven percent of Tokyo's fleet are already ISPS compliant, said Katsunori Odawara, a spokesman for the inspection division at the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transportation.

No reports of delays or incidents were reported at any Japanese ports Thursday, Odawara added. The IMO said late Wednesday that 58.6 percent of ships and 53.4 percent of ports were compliant.



### IN THE MILITARY

### Beautifying Iwakuni, one step at a time



IIII IANA CITTI ED/Stars and String

Facilities architects at Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station, Japan, use Japanese themes and local plant varieties to add asthetic charm to the base. This new small park offers a bit of respite outside the American Forces Network building

BY JULIANA GITTLER Stars and Strines

IWAKUNI MARINE CORPS AIR STA-TION, Japan - The architects in the Engineering Services Division of the Facilities Department make sure roofs don't leak and help renovate buildings.

The division spent \$24 million last year

on more than 200 projects on base While their primary job is engineering, the architects are most passionate about one small portion of their overall job: landscaping and beautification — everything from walkways leading into build ings, memorials and even the main gate.

"Our real showcase beautification project is the main gate," said Jay Sztuk, facilities engineering director.

After Sept. 11, 2001, gates at installations worldwide upped their security measures by installing barricades and obstacles. Sztuk decided there's no reason that security can't look good.

"It's our job to do [projects] in the most aesthetically pleasing way we can," he said

division designed an obstacle-laden entrance with a security focus cars still slowly meander through a maze of concrete to get in. But instead of ugly barricades, they drive around large cement planters full of plants

Other critical buildings were reinforced in a similar way - using massive boulders that will stop a car just the same as a concrete barrier, but look a whole lot

The division recently created a small landscape project near the American Forces Network building parking lot. The space provides a place for people working in the building to have lunch, said Patricia D. Hensley, architecture branch head, who designed the landscape

The division replaced a small, grassy area outside the exchange building with a few shrubs and some carefully placed large rocks. It not only improved the appearance, she said, but also made the spot less likely to be trampled by people walking into the exchange

"We would drive by and say, 'that's really an eyesore. We should do something about that," Sztuk recalled. "Small things like that can really make a differ-

Examples of their work dot the new Building One headquarters: A small out-door sitting area outside the station commander's office; an outdoor atrium with a rock garden and platform for small ceremonies; and the entrance way with a similarly themed large planter.

The projects are designed to be easy to maintain, appropriate for the environment and pleasing to the eye. They often have a Japanese theme, including rock gardens, Japanese concrete lanterns, trees and the boulders

Sztuk said the division recycles plants and structures such as trellises to help The division is directed to transplant

every tree possible. For those that can't be saved, a new tree must be planted to replace each tree cut down, said Navy Civil Engineer Corps Cmdr. David J. Sasek, station facilities officer.

Trees are used in new projects, housing areas or to screen unsightly build-

Architects come up with many projects on their own but organizations also can ask for help

This summer, work will begin on a new entrance to the station chapel. The chaplain had asked for a new sign to announce services, and Sztuk and Hensley realized it was a perfect chance for a project. "We're going to liven it up a tad," Hens-

lev said.

She made a series of sketches, which eventually led to the design selected

Designing landscapes is one of Hensley's favorite parts of the job. From a simple doodle, she creates several detailed drawings to demonstrate how much plants and landscaping can improve an

"You just start scribbling on paper, she said. "Turn up the music and kick

While she doesn't have a formal background in landscaping - she's an architect - Hensley said she always has been a great gardener. "I was known as the flower lady back in my old neighborhood" in Alabama, she said.

Sztuk has been making aesthetic improvements since he arrived about five years ago. One of his earliest projects was moving the Vietnam memorial, which had been obscured by the installation of a transformer.

He opened the design process to the Japanese architects in his office. Everyone came up with ideas and the best were sent to the commander for selection. The Japanese employees have been involved since, helping to create an Asian feel to many landscapes and teaching the office about suitable local plants.

"They've got a good knowledge of the local products. What will work here and won't," Sztuk said.

While the changes may go unnoticed around the station, the success is measured in small ways. People don't drop trash or walk on grass when an area is landscaped.

"People feel better when they have a clean, pleasing environment," Sztuk said. "It gives you a sense of pride in your community. I think people have a real sense of ownership here

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### CARAT in Thailand

U.S. Navy and Coast Guard servicemembers involved in Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training, or CARAT, sailed to Thailand to begin the third phase of the exercise on Wednesday Approximately 4,000 U.S. and

Thai naval personnel will engage in at-sea exercises with a total of 16 ships, the largest bilateral event of the three-month-long CARAT, according to a CARAT Task Group news release.

Evercises will include visit board, search and seizure, according to the release, and training with two new communications systems on board the USS Russell, one of five U.S. Navy ships in-

U.S. Navy and Coast Guard per-



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sonnel will participate in community-service projects and dental and medical clinics for the residents of Thailand, the release

### Misawa promotions

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan -The Air Force recently selected 146 new technical sergeants and 85 new master sergeants from Misawa for promotion. Misawa's promotion rate was 22.8 percent for eligible staff sergeants and 34.39 percent for eligible technical sergeants.

Across the Air Force, 6,217 of 23.956 eligible technical sergeants were promoted to master sergeant - a 25.95 percent selection rate - while 9,114 of 42,248 eligible staff sergeants were promoted to technical sergeant - a 21.57 percent selection rate.

### **Guam sailors honored**

Seven local sailors were recognized as "Regional Sailors of the Quarter" at a Navy League Guam Council ceremony June 25.

Guest speaker Rear Adm. Arthur J. Johnson, commander of U.S. Naval Forces Marianas, acknowledged the seven's accomplishment during the Guam Hil-

Honored were Petty Officer 1st Class Lewis Biddlecome, shore senior sailor of the quarter: Petty Officer 3rd Class Percival Jamer, shore blueiacket sailor of the quarter: Petty Officer 3rd Class James Argiro, shore junior sailor of the quarter; Petty Officer 1st Class Jeremy King, sea senior sailor of the quarter; Petty Officer 2nd Class Luis Garcia, sea junior sailor of the quarter; Airman Danny Cook, sea bluejacket sailor of the quarter; and Petty Officer 1st Class Kimberly Lambright, sailor of the quarter for the U.S. Coast Guard Marianas Section

Each sailor received a plaque. a Navy coin and gift certificates from local merchants.

### Summer school sign up

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan -Summer school for Sollars and Cummings elementary school students is to begin Monday at Sollars Tuition for the two four-week sessions is based on the sponsor's salary. An emphasis this year will be placed on reading and language arts.

Students who have completed grades one through six may attend. For more information, call DSN 226-3933

From staff reports

### A star-spangled paint job



Mary Kuchera, 3, gets almost as much paint on her face as the T-shirt she's decorating for the Fourth of July. More than 50 children from Yokota Air Base, Japan, painted T-shirts during a craft project at the base library Thursday.

### FACES 'N' PLACES

### Spears: Marrying for love

This time, she's marrying for love, Britney Spears said f her recent engagement to dancer Kevin Federline.

"Marrying Kevin was the last thing I was thinking about doing," Spears tells People magazine in its July 12 issue. then I said, 'You know what? This is my life and I don't care what people think. I'm going to get married. I'm in love with him."

Spears, 22, and Federline, 26 began dating a few months ago, after her Las Vegas wedding to childhood friend Jason Alexander in Januar That marriage was annulled 55

hours later. Of the quickie Vegas ceremony, "That thing was a total ugh," she says. "I was not in love at all."

Federline popped the question on an airplane while flying with Spears from Ireland to New York after the European leg of her tour

"I kissed a bunch of frogs and finally found my prince, says Spears. "I feel like I've found my happily ever after

### Injured Bowie bows out

A pain in the shoulder, which stopped David Bowie halfway through his concert in Prague, has now forced the singer to cancel the rest of his Eu-

ropean tour, he announced Wednes-

day.
"Due to the continuing pain and extreme discomfort from a extreme discomfort from a trapped/pinched nerve in his shoulder and to prevent possible further injury, David Bowie has been advised by his doctors to cancel his per-formances at the 11 remaining European dates throughout July," said an announcement on his Web site, www.davidhowie.com The singer had already canceled



two dates in Austria, in Vienna and Salzburg. The latest announcement also included dates in France, Belgium, Ireland, Spain, Switzerland and Scot-

### Teen star's dad arrested again

Teen movie star Lindsay Lohan's father has been arrested on a charge of theft of services after allegedly skip-ping out on a \$3,800 bill for several

suites at a posh Long Island hotel and catering facility.

Michael Lohan, 42, was arrested

Tuesday at Nassau County Court in Mineola, where he was to appear for a conference on unrelated charges said Suffolk County Police Lt. Ken-



Merrick home on May 23. He also faces prosecution in Manhattan, where he was arraigned this month on assault and other charges for al-legedly swearing at a sanitation worker whose truck was blocking his car, then punching him in the face.

### Kidman finds kids and dating don't mix

Being a single mother makes it difficult to find a mate - even when you're Nicole Kidman

"I'm hoping to meet someone and be happy with them. But that's not as easy as it sounds.

I'm a 37-year-old woman with two children. Men aren't beating a path to my door," she said in an interview published Wednesday in the latest issue of Now magazine.

"I don't want to sound like a woman from a lonely hearts club and I don't want to advertise. The children are my priority. I take them around with me — movies or base ball games or local shows — and that's not so appealing for any new man on the scene, is it?" she said. The Oscar-winning star of "The



Hours" has been single since breaking up with rock star Lenny Kravitz earlier this year. She and ex-husband **Tom Cruise** share custody of their

children, 11-year-old Isabella and 9-year-old Connor. Stories and photos from The Associated Press

# Dark secrets

Wayans brothers go deep under cover to portray 'White Chicks' in lastest flick

> BY MIKE SZYMANSKI Zap2it.com

n Ivory Wayans couldn't think of a more difficult releant you's wayans counter trains or a more unter-trele for his brothers. As they were sitting around one day, flipping through magazines, talking about their next project together, the guys who collaborated on "Scary Movie" and "In Living Color" saw an article about white

socialite debutantes in the Hamptons.

Keenen decided to turn his black brothers into "White

Shawn and Marlon Wayans both were up for the funny idea, but weren't aware at first that it would take up to six hours for them to have the makeup, hair pieces and body paint put on — and more than half that time to take it off

"We expected them to lose it at some point, but they never did," says makeup artist Keith VanderLaan. "It was as grueling taking it off, because you didn't want to hurt

VanderLaan teamed up with Greg Cannom, who won an Oscar for makeup when he turned Robin Williams into a nanny for "Mrs. Doubtfire."

They faced the challenge of creating facial prosthetics for the two handsome African-American men with strong chiseled features

"We couldn't use too much makeup because they be-came drag queens — we had to soften them," Cannom ex-

The story is about two FBI agents who try to foil a kid-napping plot by becoming socialites Tiffany and Brittany Wilson. They have to try to fool their friends, family and old boyfriends. The three brothers wrote the screenplay together while the two actors each lost 30 pounds to look

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Two dates I are R. Mays, who worked with Keenan on
"Lowdown Dirty Shame," says this basn't been done before in the movies. He points to how Jack Lemmon and
Tony Curtis looked like dowdy ladies in "Some Like it
Hot" and a black man was turned into a white man for
"True Identity," but insists, "I don't think anybody has
taken two black men and tried to make them two young al-

They had to cast two white women who looked like sis-ters but also had the same basic shape of their male coun-terparts. "It was the weirdest audition I've ever been on," says actress Maitland Ward, who plays Brittany



Brothers Marlon, Shawn, Damon and Keenen Ivory Wayans pose for photographs during arrivals for a screening of "White Chicks" in Los Angeles last month.

They measured the distance between her eyes and nose, her lips, chin and every feature of her face. Anne Dudek plays her sister.

The most difficult makeup challenge was to figure out a way to cover up all of Shawn and Marlon's dark skin. Cannom created a new base to cover the skin and then put Revlon Color Stay over that.

"What happens, when you use lighter makeup to paint over dark skin like that, is that it turns gray," Cannom says. "On top of that, we spattered on some tiny freckles and reddish dots to ... look more realistic." When Marlon stood next to him with full makeup, wig

when marion stood next to him with full makeup, wig and contact lenses in place, Cannom says he was shocked. "It really freaked me out because there was nothing of Marion there. For a second, it unnerved me. I've never had that reaction before, so I knew it must be pretty

good.

Producer Rick Alvarez recalls, "It was outrageous.

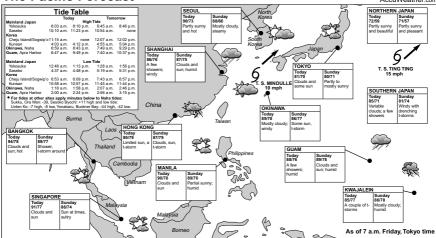
They were talking like white girls, dancing like white girls, they literally became white girls in front of our

For Shawn, it got a bit too much. Some of the actreon the set forgot that there were guys underneath all the makeup. He says, "We got into some of their private girl talk, and it was gross. Too much information."

"White Chicks" opens nationwide on Wednesday

### The Pacific Forecast

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### **Extended Forecasts**

TOKYO Monday: Showers, high 82, low 77. Tuesday: Partly sunny high 89, low 78.

KADENA Monday: Thunderstorms, high 86, low 77. Tuesday: Thunderstorms high 84, low 78.

### SEOUL

Monday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 82, low 66, Tuesday: Showers, high 85, low 69.

### MANILA

Monday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 89, low 75. Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine high 90, low 76.

### HAGATNA

Monday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 88, low 77. Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine high 89, low 78.

### Thursday's USA Temperatures

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HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
88/61	Los Angeles	78/61
89/62	Little Rock	80/70
64/57	Louisville	86/70
	Miami	90/79
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		104/77
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82/68		78/61
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87/66	St. Louis	84/69
73/51	San Antonio	90/75
97/66		72/65
85/64	San Juan	92/76
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U.S. Extended Forecast High pressure building across the Northeast will promote sunny, pleasant weather Saturday. A frontal system moving through the Midwest will trigger a shower or thunderstorm. A storm system moving out of the southern Plains will generate showers and thunderstorms in much of the Southeast. High pressure will bring tranquil weather to the Rockies with only a stray afternoon thunderstorm. Sunday, showers and thunderstorms will be more common over the northern Rockies as an upper-level disturbance moves through the region. Showers and thunderstorms will also pass through the Plains. A storm system leaving the Tennessee Valley will produce showers and thunderstorms from the Great Lakes to the Gulf Coast.

### Saturday's Pacific Temperatures

### Saturday's World Temperatures

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CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY I	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	94/78	lwakuni	81/71	Sasebo NB	84/73	Acapulco	87/74	Budapest	76/54	Kabul	101/65	Nairobi	78/51
Beijing	91/69	Kadena AB	89/78	Sapporo	72/59	Athens	93/75	Buenos Aires	60/43	Kiev	71/51	New Delhi	109/91
Camp Casey	88/73	Kunsan AB	87/72	Seoul	90/73	Auckland	56/42	Cairo	101/68	Kuwait	114/81	Oslo	65/48
Christchurch	43/28	Kwajalein	85/77	Shanghai	86/76	Baghdad	111/78	Cancun	85/73	London	63/47	Paris	63/44
Diego Garcia	82/74	Manila	90/78	Singapore	91/77	Barbados	85/68	Cape Town	57/39	Madrid	91/69	Rio de Janeiro	79/68
Hagatna	88/76	Misawa AB	79/62	Sydney	66/49	Barcelona	73/61	Geneva	69/54	Mexico City	77/55	Rome	87/65
Hanoi	94/81	Osan	89/74	Taegu	90/71	Berlin	61/44	Istanbul	85/66	Montreal	81/62	St. Petersburg	64/46
Hong Kong	89/79	Perth	57/40	Taipei	89/75	Bermuda	82/70	Jerusalem	90/64	Mogadishu	82/71	Stockholm	66/48
Honolulu	89/76	Pusan	80/67	Tokyo	81/70	Brussels	62/44	Johannesburg	68/45	Moscow	75/52	Warsaw	68/46



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### YOUR MONEY

### Adding in the middleman

### Sellers hiring help to auction wares on eBay

BY HARRY R. WEBER The Associated Press

ATLANTA - Yes, people go to eBay simply to buy and sell stuff to each other. But as the Internet auction site becomes increasingly popular, it's attracting a fast-growing crowd of businesses who want to

be part of the process. Global shipper UPS Inc.'s recent decision to link up with a company that helps auction goods on eBay reflects how much money businesses think can be made as middlemen. They see people like Lee Ann Fletcher as a promising customer base.

Fletcher, 35, wanted to sell off a piece of china, a vase and a few other odds and ends around her home. She just didn't have time to do the legwork after long hours working for her family's roofing husiness

So the Atlanta woman took her wares to The UPS Store, which shipped them to California-based AuctionDrop, a company that posted them on eBay and will send her a cut when they sell.

"It's worth somebody else making a little bit more money just to save the time," she said.

Companies big and small are now seeing even a small slice of eBay's action as worth the effort. In its last quarterly report, eBay Inc. said customers exchanged more than \$8 billion in merchandise in just three months. It ex pects its sales to easily exceed \$3

### Someone else to sell your stuff online

The success of the online auction site eBay has spawned companies such as iSold it, that will handle the transaction for you.

How it works

Drop off

the item

you want to sell:

a price is set and

you get a receipt.

Source: iSold It

The item is photographed and listed on eBay for seven days; if it doesn't sell, an e-mail will notify you to come pick it up.



item sells, it is shipped to the buyer and you're sent a check.

billion this year. Based in San Jose, Calif., eBay Inc. boasts 104.5 million registered users.

"The historical notion of eBay being strictly a consumer-to-con-sumer platform is somewhat anachronistic," said Scott Kessler, an equity analyst with Standard & Poor's in New York. "You have hundreds of thousands of folks on there now that make their living on

Mom-and-pop retailers seeking to expand their markets long have been part of the eBay landscape. Now much bigger partnerships are

For instance, Hewlett Packard Co. announced last month it would

set up a "photography zone" on eBay to help people photograph their wares, a key part of the auction process. It's also a way for HP

to pitch its own products. And eBay's online payment unit, PayPal Inc., recently announced an agreement with consumer credit provider GE Consumer Finance to give qualifying customers virtu-

The majority of eBay's registered users are buyers. So, the several dozen companies out there acting as middlemen figure there is a windfall to be made by making it easier to sell for people who are sitting on the sidelines watching.

Ebay's happy to have them. "We **EXCHANGE RATES** 

ally instant credit.

# o Sell on e Easy M Sonia Lopez, assistant manager of iSold It, holds items received recently

for auction in San Antonio last week. As eBay's popularity grows, businesses have sprung up to help people sell items on the Web auction site.

think the idea is great," said eBay spokesman Hani Durzy, "What it promises to do is open up the eBay marketplace to that segment of so ciety that are not listing items on eBay for any number of reasons.

The teaming-up of Atlan-based UPS and San Carlos. Calif.-based AuctionDrop has got ten the most attention.

Customers can drop off items worth at least \$75 at any of the 3.400 UPS Stores in the United States. UPS packs and ships the items to AuctionDrop.
Employees there photograph

the items, test their functionality

and post them on eBay.

If the item sells, AuctionDrop sends the money to the customer, minus a commission that ranges from 20 percent to 38 percent depending on the value of the item. AuctionDrop pays UPS for the shipping costs. The only other charge to the customer are some

nominal fees eBay charges.

If an item doesn't sell within seven days, AuctionDrop returns it to the owner at no charge.

AuctionDrop chief executive Randy Adams said his 5.000-cusexecutive tomer company has not yet turned a profit since opening its first store in March 2003, but he believes that will change soon thanks to new ven ture capital and the UPS deal.

Another eBay middleman with national aspirations is Pasadena. Calif.-based iSold It. The firm has two walk-in stores and plans to open 50 more this year.

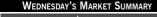
Unlike AuctionDrop, however, iSold It is sticking with building through franchising its own stores rather than through the stores of another company that does multiple things, such as UPS.

"I feel strongly that consumers are going to have more confidence in a single-minded storefront focus on eBay," said iSold It President Elise Wetzel, whose stores act solely as an eBay middleman. "To me, it's like when gas stations sold vid-eotapes and then Blockbuster came to town."

Since starting in December privately held iSold It has turned a profit, Wetzel said, though she would not release numbers.

Helen Sullivan, a 33-year-old stay-at-home mom from North Olmstead, Ohio, said she dropped off a stereo receiver at The Store a few weeks ago and it was later returned to her by Auction-Drop because one of the speaker outlets wasn't working. Auction-Drop absorbed the shipping costs.

She's not deterred, and plans to try to sell a laptop computer next.
"It hasn't cost me a dime." she



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Armor Holdings	-	53	34.00	+.45	+29.2
Boeing	.80	23	51.09	+.58	+21.2
Computer Sciences	-	17	46.43	+.47	+5.0
Engineered Sup Sys	.07	26	58.51	+1.16	+6.3
General Dynamics	1.44	19	99.30	88	+9.9
General Electric	.80	21	32.40	+.07	+4.6
Haliburton	.50		30.26	+.38	+16.4
Harris Corp.	.40	35	50.75	+.85	+33.7
Allied Signal	.75	23	36.63	02	+9.6
L-3 Communications	.40	23	66.80	+1.19	+30.1
Lockheed Martin	.88	21	52.08	+.23	+1.3
NorthrpG s	.92	24	53.70	+.25	+12.3
Raytheon	.80	38	35.77	+.54	+19.1
Rockwell Intl.	.66	21	37.51	+.42	+5.4
Sequa Corp.	-	44	58.47	+.12	+19.3
Texas Instruments	.09	29	24.18	+.13	-17.7
Textron Inc.	1.30	36	59.35	+.25	+4.0
United Technologies	1.40	19	91.48	+.95	-3.5

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### INTEREST RATES

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30-year bond	5.3
Sources: The Associated	

### ents and Sensibility

### Vow to cut wedding costs

The Associated Press

Couples planning weddings may feel overwhelmed by how expensive their big day can become. On average, Americans spend \$22,000 to get hitched more than half our average an nual income, according to the Census Bureau.

Yet there are some nontraditional methods of trimming wedding expenses, helping to avoid piling large debt onto credit cards, said Susan Hirshman, a financial planning strategist with JPMorgan Fleming Asset Management. Among them:

■ Ask local business owners to "sponsor" your wedding. Offer to put the florist or band

name on a small card at each table in exchange for a discount. ■ Consider taking a family loan as opposed to a bank loan.

■ Analyze trade-offs. If you spend lavishly on the wedding, will that delay the down pay-ment on a future home, or crimp some other major purchase?

■ Don't overestimate the size of the cash and other gifts you are likely to receive.

### **SATURDAY EVENING / JULY 3, 2004**

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	J	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30
6	AFN-P	Headline News	•ESPNews	My Wife and Kids "The Anniversary Present" Claire pre- pares dinner.	Half & Half Spencer divulges Mona's secret. (CC)	The West Wing "Ep val tries to stop fede troversial medical st	eral funding of a con-	Law & Order "Evil E murdered after testif puted Nazi war crim	fying against a re-	Headline News	Saturday Night Liv	•	
7	AFN-ATL	Endurance (EI) (CC)	Good Eats	Entertainment Toni	ight (CC)	●WWE Raw		My Wife and Kids (CC)	Half & Half (CC)	The West Wing "Ep	pur Si Muove" (CC)	Law & Order "Evil E	Breeds" (CC)
8	NEWS	CNN Live		The O'Reilly Facto	r (CC)	CNN Saturday Mor	ming (CC)	20/20 (CC)		CNN Live		CNN Live	
9	SPORTS	●(4:00) Golf				SportsCenter		•Rodeo PRCA.		• Tennis Wimbledor Croquet Club in Win	n Women's Final. Fr mbledon, England. (Si	rom the All-England L ame-day Tape)	Lawn Tennis and
10	SPEC	Airline "Terminal Beauty" Meeting Randy Travis.	Airline Southwest throws a wild party. (CC)	Trading Spaces		Everwood "Forget I her father's birthday to Ephram. (CC)	vie Not" Amy forgets ordinner; Madison lies	Strong Medicine 'F mother must decide child off life support.	whether to take her	*** "Courage U	hs "Courage Under Fire" (1996, Drama) Denzel Washington, Diamond Phillips. Opinions vary on a dead woman's conduct in		
14	тмс	stone. British nobles	" (2002, Comedy) Pe open their estate to	an American rock be	and. R' (CC)	* * "Who Is Cletis Tim Allen, Portia de man the mob wants	Rossi. An escaped of dead. 'R' (CC)	con is mistaken for a	Dennis Hopper. Dav	lue Velvet" (1986, Drama) Kyle MacLachlan, Isabella Rossellini, r. David Lynch's controversial study of small-town depravity. 'R' (CC) Sch			
24	PBS	may have happened fred von Richthofen.		bilia; a Japanese ca sculpture. (Part 1 of	st-bronze elephant 3) (CC)	Great Performance		The Sphinx Compe the Sound Barrier		Soundstage Mick F McVie, Lindsey Buc Nicks perform. (CC)		tne Fatner: (CC)	on "By the Hand of
25	SHOW	Neeson, Peter Sars 'PG-13' (CC)	The Widowmaker" (2 gaard. A Soviet subm	narine's nuclear react	tor develops a leak.	Stephens, James B (CC)	ond and an American	Pierce Brosnan, Halle Berry, Toby spy track a North Korean villain. 'PG-13' Diggs. Premiere. A futuristic lawman rebels against the government. PG-13'					nment. 'R' (CC)
27	A&E	Park Killing' Detection of the control of the contr	in the Snow; Swope ves make deals with	ion Victim' Fashion sace is murdered. (0	designer Gianni Ver-	American Justice Patricia Allanson all husband to kill. (CC	legedly pushed her )	Cold Case Files "Tr yard Shift" A tool ma (CC)	ne Cuff Link; Grave- ark solves a murder.	- City Confidential "Milford: Death and Taxes" Police seize a polygamist ranch. (N) (CC) Crossing Jordan "Sun tective Hoyt follows the tor's killer to Los Angel			the trail of his men- geles. (CC)
28	DISC	To Be Announced		Storm Warning!		Anatomy of Disast		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		Junkyard Wars (CC	0)
29	TFC	Magandang Gabi, I	•	(6:55) Home Alone		(7:50) F/Loren	Kontrobersyal	(:15) News	(:45) Magandang T				
30	CNN-I	Larry King Live (C		CNNI World News		CNNI World News	Ebizasia			CNNI World News			Talk Asia
31	GOLF		olf European Open					Academy		Golf Channel     Academy		<ul> <li>European PGA G</li> <li>Third Round. From</li> </ul>	Dublin, Ireland.
32	TLC	Trading Spaces: Fa Molino Avenue' Fan room. (CC)	nily room; living	into a sci-fi hideawa	у.	Clean Sweep "Six to nization" Removing room.	clutter from a guest	Trading Spaces "Pe Street" (N)		Stream Drive" Maste playroom projects.			
34	TOON	What's New Scoo- by-Doo?	He-Man and the Masters of the Universe	Yogi Bear and the friends bring aband expectedly meet an	Magical Flight of the oned animals to a see old archenemy.	3 Spruce Goose Yog amingly peaceful isla	gi Bear and his and, where they un-	Scooby-Doo, Where	a Are You!	Cartoon Cartoon C	artoon Cartoon Cartoon shorts. Detective Squad		
35	ANPL	ing sliding down hill: seals.	eaker' Steve interacts with Anharctica's amazing wildlife, includ- World's Biggest and Baddest Bugs Killer bees; bullet ants; bird-eating spider.    World's Biggest and Baddest Bugs Killer bees; bullet ants; bird-eating spider.   World's Biggest and Baddest Bugs Killer bees; bullet ants; bird-eating spider.   World's Biggest and Baddest Bugs Killer bees; bullet ants; bird-eating spider.   World's Biggest and Baddest Bugs Killer bees; bullet ants; bird-eating spider.   World's Biggest and Baddest Bugs Killer bees; bullet ants; bird-eating spider.   World's Biggest and Baddest Bugs Killer bees; bullet ants; bird-eating spider.   World's Biggest and Baddest Bugs Killer bees; bullet ants; bird-eating spider.   World's Biggest and Baddest Bugs Killer bees; bullet ants; bird-eating spider.   World's Biggest and Baddest Bugs Killer bees; bullet ants; bird-eating spider.   World's Biggest and Baddest Bugs Killer bees; bullet ants; bird-eating spider.   World's Biggest and Baddest Bugs Killer bees; bullet ants; bird-eating spider.   World's Biggest and Baddest Bugs Killer bees; bullet ants; bird-eating spider.   World's Biggest and Baddest Bugs Killer bees; bullet ants; bird-eating spider.   World's Biggest and Baddest Bugs Killer bees; bullet ants; bird-eating spider.   World's Biggest and Baddest Bugs Killer bees; bullet ants; bird-eating spider.   World's Biggest and Baddest Bugs Killer bees; bullet ants; bird-eating spider.   World's Biggest and Baddest Bugs Killer bees; bullet ants; bird-eating spider.   World's Biggest and Baddest Bugs Killer bees; bullet ants; bird-eating spider.   World's Biggest and Baddest Bugs Killer bees; bullet ants; bird-eating spider.   World's Biggest and Baddest Bugs Killer bees; bullet ants; bird-eating spider.   World's Biggest and Baddest Bugs Killer bees; bullet ants; bird-eating spider.   World's Biggest and Baddest Bugs Killer bees; bird-eating spider.   World's Biggest and Baddest Bugs Killer bees; bird-eating spider.   World's Biggest and Baddest Bugs Killer bees; bird-eating sp										
36	сом	Mad TV "No Sweat", Birds & the Bees." (0	DC)	Mad TV Halloween : special greetings fro acters. (CC)	om Hollywood char-	Vegas; host Jay Mol	el and Casino in Las hr. (CC)	Reno 911! Dangle has to leave Reno. (CC)	beau is a murder suspect.	"I Know Black Peo- ple" game.	w Chappelle's Show Comedy Central Roast "Der TV shopping; Denis Leary is the target of a lby celebrity roasters. (CC)		arget of an insult fee s. (CC)
40	NGC-A	Be the Creature *C Killer whales beach seals.		Talon: An Eagle's S crowned eagle, Sou of the sky, and its re	alm.	Toads and Frogs: 1		National Geograph The Quest for Lost T		Egypt's Hidden Treasure	show Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum.	Built for the Kill "S ture's executioners.	
42	SPIKE	(5:00) * * "The De Chuck Norris. Premi	iere. (CC)	<ul> <li>WWE Velocity School</li> <li>drak takes on Hardo</li> </ul>	core Holly. (N)	Ride With FunkMas- ter Flex (N)	FunkMaster Flex	Winter. Students get	t a cosmic opportunit	re" (1989, Comedy) K ty to pass a history fir	nal. (CC)	*** "Bill & Ted's ture" (1989) Keanu	Reeves. (CC)
43	FOX	Stargate SG-1 "The cle drug threatens F (CC)	angeran civilization.	The Invisible Man		Cops Officers use a taser to break up a fight. (CC)	burglar. (CC)	Fights Back (N) (C)	a's Most Wanted: America She Spies "Manhunt" (CC) Mad TV		Mosley. (CC)	Mad TV Nicole Richie; Sugar Shane Mosley. (CC)	
44	BET	On"	Top 10 Live "Murphy		BET.com Count- down	Access Granted "Jadakiss"	How I'm Living "Avant & Brandy"	Coming to the Stag stardom.		Club Comic View		** "Prison Song" Mary J. Blige, Q-Tip	(2001, Drama) , Fat Joe.
46	COURT	I, Detective "After Hours" Band's lead singer killed.	I, Detective	Cops An alleged drug dealer is ar- rested. (CC)	Cops A rooftop search for burglary suspects.	Forensic Files Apartment fire kills two women.	Forensic Files Sales records lead to suspects.		From the Case Files	Trace Evidence: Fr of Dr. Henry Lee *S	St. Thomas'	Hollywood Justice "Eminem"	
48	STR-WLD	Baywatch (CC)		JAG (CC)		Xena: Warrior Prin		●Wrestling		Mutant X (CC)		Secrets of Psychic chics' tricks, ranging to mind reading, are	from faith healing debunked.
50	LIFE	(5:00) * * "The Ma Wives" (1993, Dran Pam Dawber, Joann	na) Beau Bridges, na Kerns. (CC)	Erwin. A teen succu	ing" (2004, Drama) N imbs to pressure from	n her peers to have s	sex. (CC)	man becomes the po	rime suspect in his d	/ Danza, Pamela Ree daughter's murder. (O	C)	1-800-Missing "Deli investigator believes are drugging Jess. (	Brooke and Coyle CC)
51	ABCFAM	Boy Meets World Jack's spooky new girlfriend.	Cory loses his en- gagement ring.	Mr. Feeny asks the dean out. (CC)	ed. (CC)	(CC)		arissa Jaret Winokur, uty pageant to win a l		cousin. (CC)		Comedy) Majandra D nployee gets a makeo	
53	HIST	(5:40) Band of Brothers (CC)	waging battle in Nor to combat; the comp	ners Easy Co. sustain mandy; Pvt. Blithe ha pany returns to Engla	as trouble adjusting and. (CC)	Band of Brothers (		on a Dutch dike; an the Allied line in the	Adrennes Forest. (C	o, races to help hold (C)	discuss their experie	ne Together Veteran ences in World War II	L (CC)
57	STR-MV	(5:00) * * "Shallo edy) Gwyneth Paltro son Alexander.	w Hal" (2001, Com- ow, Jack Black, Ja-		2: Lost in New York Kevin ends up in Ne	" (1992, Comedy) N w York when he boar	lacaulay Culkin, Joe ds the wrong plane.	★ "The Hot Chick" Faris, Matthew Lawr bodies via magic ea		and a man switch	(:45) * "Sorority B Michael Rosenbaum pose as girls and ple	loys" (2002, Comedy n, Harland Williams. C ledge a sorority.	) Barry Watson, Dusted frat boys
58	ADV 1	To Be Announced	Nick's Quest		•Surfer's Journal	Spirit of the Sea Rio.	To Be Announced	Total Adventure	Total Adventure	Chasing Time	To Be Announced		Going to Extreme
59	MTV		Your Face or Mine		Pimp My Ride A 1987 Honda CRX.	Pimp My Ride	Pimp My Ride	Punk'd Carmen Electra and Dave Navarro.	da.	one; Shannon Eliz- abeth.		Viva La Bam	Viva La Bam
$\neg$	NICK	SpongeBob SquarePants (CC)	Invader Zim	Tomato Twins	Action League Now	WOW Weekend Ma	rathon: Rugrats An	gelica Episodes of p	opular programming.	The Amanda Show	SpongeBob SquarePants (CC)	The Wild Thorn- berrys (CC)	Hey Arnold! (CC)

### JAPAN TV

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2:55 Soccer: Libertadores Cup (4) 3:06 Classical Music (1)(r) 3:20 Hong Kong Movie (1971): The Big Boss (1:40)(12)

### JAPAN TV-BS7

6:00 Top News from Around the World 6:30 Top News from Around the World 7:30 Top News from Around the World 7:30 Top News from Around the World 8:00 MLB: New York Yankees vs. New York

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12:40 Wimbledon Tennis 2004: Women's Sin-90 Wimbledon Tennis 2004: Women's Sin-2:30 Morto GP: 6th Round, Dutch GP Highlights 2:50 World Amazing Sports 3:05 What's on Asia 3:30 What's on Japan 4:15 Weekend Japanology 5:00 PGA, Golf: Calis Western Open, 3rd

### JAPAN TV-BS11

Morning 6:00 Wake Up

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Morning
7:35 U.S. Movie (2001): Race to Space (1:47)
9:25 U.S. Movie (2001): The Pledge (2:05)
11:30 87tlsh Movie (1980): The Shining (2:25)
Afternoon
2:10 TV Series: The Red Phone: Mission 1
3:50 Making of "Spider-Ama" (2:10)
4:20 U.S. Mövie (2002): Spider-Man (2:10)

4:20 U.S. Movie (2002): Spider-Man (2:10)
Evening
6:30 Movie Preview: Spider-Man 2
800 TV Series: The Red Phone: Mission 2
800 TV Series: Friend: Schmidt (2:10)
12:00 TV Series: Friend:
12:25 TV Series: Sex and the City
10:50 UEFA Euro 2004 Soccer; Serifinals
Game: 1: Portugal V. Holland (r)
4:25 UEFA Euro 2004 Soccer: Serifinals
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4:25 UEFA Euro 2004 Soccer: Serifinals
Game: 2: Greece vs. Zesch Republic (r)

MTV

8:00 Classic '90s 9:00 Top Choice: Murmur 10:00 I-Catch Saturday **Afternoon** 12:00 Check the Ethyme 12:00 World Chart Express Supported by Honda 3:00 Punik anhy Crostal Kay

3:30 Biography: Crystal Kay 4:00 i-Catch Saturday

Evening 6:00 Making the Video: Shakira 6:30 Rock On

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### STARS STRIPES | LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### AP's poll was hogwash

Words cannot express the level of disappointment I felt in the editorial staff of Stars and Stripes when I read The Associated Press story titled "Poll: War was a mistake" in the June 28 edition.

When I arrived in country, I read Stars and Stripes religiously because I felt the reporting to be relatively unbiased. However. I can see that the staff has slipped down the slimy slope of propaganda reporting and partisan politics. For the benefit of the readers I offer this:

The poll results, supposedly representing the "majority of Americans" actually represents a total of 3/1,000,000 of 1 per cent of the total population of the United States. If one factors in the margin of error, the results are almost invalid. Even with no error margin, the results hardly represent the majority of Americans.

I took a similar poll at my location of 1,173 people, some of whom have been dodging bullets and shaking hands with the Iraqis. The results differed greatly. My sample, though representing only 4/1,000 of 1 percent of the sample popula tion, showed 80 percent thought that sending troops into Iraq was a good idea. On a weighted mean, my sample would have just under 10,000 times more value than the one offered by The Associated Press

The reporting of such dubious survey information can only lead me, if not oth ers, to question the motives and integrity of the editorial staff. I am almost embarrassed to be protecting your "right" to so swiftly spear the morale of the American soldier with such hogwash.

Do us all a favor and try to remember those out there protecting your ability to publish such trash, and honor them with some editorial discretion.

Navy Lt. Marc Jasek LSA Spearhead, Kuwait

### CNN focuses on violence

I am proud to say that my unit has been in the heat of the insurgents' attacks all

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over Baghdad and beyond. Rocket-propelled grenades, improvised explosive devices and small-arms fire — you name it, we have had soldiers who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

My complaint is about the telecasts on CNN throughout this crisis. If you've been watching the news on the war on terrorism, you would agree that the media. especially CNN, has shown nothing but violence throughout Iraq. The media have not been truthful to the American people and the entire world about the sacrifices and the good [that] American soldiers and coalition troops are doing for the rebuilding of Iraq, yet they are quick to show things that would tend to discredit the good we have done.

Immediately after the handover of power, people outside Iraq were able to see what they would not have believed in a million years about the living conditions in Iraq because of what the media had fed them. The world was able to see Iraqi people for the first time in many months at the marketplaces buying and

selling, at the gyms, in many clubhouses shooting pool, at their shops, roaming the streets of Baghdad and comfortably hanging out in many of their neighborhoods.

Why didn't CNN show this footage before now? What was it trying to convey to the American people and the world? Could this mean that CNN is anti-American and anti-military?

Sgt. 1st Class Emmanuel Woko Baghdad

### Paper changes alter routine

The Sunday edition stated that the "Be Our Guest," Premier Crossword and Cryptoquip will no longer appear in the Stars and Stripes Sunday paper. Then in a "Note to Readers" Stripes announces the new Scene section that will feature much more?

I have a feeling the "much more" will also be a price increase in the near future

Since Stripes made a point of saying that the New York Times crossword will continue to appear, it would be nice if you made the effort to make it readable. Many times over the past years the puzzle has had clues missing, the grid was not printed correctly and other failures that made the crossword unworkable.

I am an American living and working in the Frankfurt, Germany, area with no connection to the U.S. military, so I doubt Strines will concern itself with my humble opinion. However, I do wish to thank Stars and Stripes for the last 17 years of enjoyment. The Sunday edition with the assorted features, comics, sport pages, letters to editor, etc., was always a pleasant part of my Sunday routine that provided me with an informative connection to the land of my birth.

But, sadly, without the Premier Crossword and Cryptoquip, my Sunday routine will have to change. Maybe the change will be good? I will be able to sleep longer on Sunday mornings because I will not be making the special trip to buy your paper.

Donald E. Berube Russelsheim, Germany BY GARRY TRUDEAU

### Doonesbury









### Mallard Fillmore

By BRUCE TINSLEY



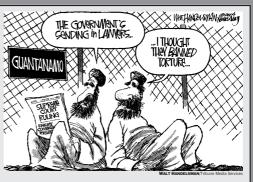
### **Looking at** the news

A weekly sampling of U.S. editorial cartoons













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### Dress code relaxed

LOUISVILLE — Pa trons of Louisville's new downtown entertainment district will be allowed to wear sports jerseys under a compromise reached Tuesday between the developer and protesters.

Shout a dozen people gathered Monday at the entrance of Fourth Street Live to protest a dress code that prohibited jerseys, sleeveless shirts and backward baseball caps on nights when the row of shops, bars and restaurants is blocked off for special

events.

A black leader and the ACLU meet with Cordish Co., which manages the project, to complain that the ban discriminates against blacks and poor people.

blacks and poor people.

On Tuesday, Cordish agreed to ease the ban but said the dress code will still prohibit sleeveless shirts and baseball hats worn backward.

### Boy, 6, wins dino auction

NEW YORK — Little did a triceratops dinosaur imagine as he roamed what is now Montana more than 60 million years ago that his horn would end up on Park Avenue, fetching \$550 at auction.

The horn, one of hundreds of parts of prehistoric creatures being sold last week, could be as old as "100 million thousand billion centuries!" said 6-year-old Eamon Rush, after his \$550 bid won him the remnant.

Eamon showed up on Park Avenue in a bright tie-dyed top, so when he shot up with his paddle to signal his bid, everyone noticed. And the adults held back higher bids so the 6-year-old could win.

His mother was more interested in how to pay for the horn her son took home this week — \$550 plus an 18 percent auction house commission.

She found a quick solution: "We're going to have a major garage sale."

### Truck beauty contest

NE GRAND ISLAND — More than 100 truckers gussied up their rigs and prepared for a beauty contest like no other.

They shined, buffed and waxed their trucks last week at the Bosselman Travel Center to prepare for this year's Shell Rotella SuperRigs Truck Beauty Contest.

This is the first year Grand Island has hosted the annual event, which is touted as the "Oscars of truck shows."

Frankie Story, 54, spent hours beautifying his truck. He said its yellow color and shiny spinning rims attract attention.

"Boy, people will run over you just to get a look at them on the highway," he said.

The event includes musical performances and a free steak dinner for participants. Twelve winning trucks will be photographed in the area for the Rotella SuperRigs Cal-

### Bethel a college no more

MN ARDEN HILLS — Bethel College announced Monday that it would change its name to Bethel University, making it part of a trend of dumping the title "college" for the more prestigious "university."

There is no official criteria for

drug selling.

In forfeiture papers filed in U.S. District Court, the U.S.

Drug Enforcement Administration says Grejda
and McArdle laundeddrug money when they
paid \$160,000 for the boat in April.

### Snake hitches a ride

MADISON — A motorist found a slithery surprise not covered in his rental car agreement when a ball python stuck its head out from between his legs.

"He was completely in shock," said Officer Laura Walker. "I mean, he said he was lucky he didn't crash the car."

When Walker and animal control officer Tim Frank arrived to help Sunday, the 2½-foot constrictor snake was coiled around the seat's base. Walker said.

With some effort, Frank removed the black and gold snake and took it to the Dane County Hu-

mane Society.

The man had rented the car the night before and had driven it to Milwaukee and back and around Madison on Sunday, Walker said.

The snake was slightly dehydrat-

ed and was probably there for at least a week, Frank said. The snake was tame and likely hand-reared, Frank said, adding that ball snakes are very common

### Damages in clinic mix-up

NC WILMINGTON — A jury awarded \$435,000 to a woman who was accidentally inseminated with unprepared sperm at a fertility clinic.

In August 2002, Kelly Chambliss

In August 2002, Kelly Chambliss became violently ill just after a nurse practitioner inseminated her with the contents of an unlabeled syringe at the Coastal Area Health Education Center

Two days later, Chambliss said clinic officials told her that she had been injected with "unwashed" sperm, which was left over from another client's procedure two days before and had proteins that had caused her uterus to contract.

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Chambliss was also told she could have been exposed to diseases such as AIDS or hepatitis and wouldn't know for sure for about six months. She did not contract any diseases.

A judge on Feb. 5 found the nurse practitioner and clinic guilty of medical malpractice

### Ad needles Seattle

WA SEATTLE — An advertisement for an onion ring snack is making the folks who protect the Space Needle cry.

The Space Needle Corp. filed

suit in federal court against McCain Snack Foods after the food firm ran an advertisement in Restaurants and Institutions magazine featuring a giant onion ring atop the famous icon.

The ad was to promote the com-

pany's Moore's onion rings brand.
Thext of the ad read: "With innovative new products like
Cracked Black Pepper Battered
Onion Rings and Ranch Breaded
Onion Rings, Moore's boldly takes
your menu to new taste frontiers."
Last week, the Space Needle
filed a trademark infringement
lawsuit in U.S. District Court
against McCain.

"We take our image very seriously," said Space Needle spokeswoman Mary Bacarella.



Big hair day Niquea Laverne displays a hair style by stylist Lisa B. of Turning Heads salon in San Leandro, Calif., on Sunday, in Miami. Laverne was a participant in "Hair Wars," a traveling show featuring local and

out-of-town hair designers who create fantasy hair-dos.



Taking in the view Alex, left, and Susan Cohen, visiting from Long Island, N.Y., take in the view along the Connecticut River on Sunday in Essex, Conn.



Take a little off the side Prissy the shiftzu, get a employee Megan Scott, on Tuesday in Tallahassee, Fla. According to an Annian Ald official, the high temperatures of summer are creating a greater number of owner requests to shear their dogs, especially the long-haired ones, so they will stuy cooler.



**AMERICAN** 

ROUNDUP

Bethel's governing board approved the new name Bethel Uni-

versity 18 months ago, and repre-

sentatives of the college's affiliated

church had the final say on Mon-

CA WALNUT CREEK — A

man was committed to John Muir Medical Center for psy-

chological evaluation after crash

ing his car 120 feet into the lobby

of the hospital over the weekend.

Hospital employees called po-

lice to report that a man was driv-

ing erratically in the parking lot of

the hospital. As police arrived minutes later, Daniel Raisor, 41, rammed his 2001 Nissan pickup truck through the front doors of

the lobby, said Lt. Craig Zamolo.

No one was in the lobby at the

time, but the impact destroyed the information desk inside the build-

PA PITTSBURGH — Two pharmacists and business

nartners targeted in a federal in-

vestigation of a scheme to sell pain-

killers on the Internet without pre-

scriptions are likely to lose a fancy

boat they bought together two

a 2003 Sea Ray Sundancer bought

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Anthony Grejda and Charles

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Now that's a fish

Bobby Capri Jr., 14, of Stafford Township, N.J., holds the 52.8 pound striped bass that he caught while in his kayak last week off Surf City, N.J.



Whirling into dusk

The sun sets Monday as Garrard County fair-goers enjoy a ride in Bryantsville, Ky.



She loves chickens

Carole Morison, advocate for chicken farmers and poultry plant workers, walks through one of her chicken houses earlier this month at her Pocomoke City, Md., home. Morison has been awarded a Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Leadership Program award, the nation's highest honor for community health leadership.



The Famous Chicken checks an umpire's eyesight as the San Angelo Colts play the Shreveport Sports in Shreveport, La., on Tuesday. Ted Giannoulas, the man in the chicken suit, has traveled all over world performing for the past 30 years.



Rounding an old curve Visitors watch the passing of a Conrail train around the Horseshoe Curve recentlyin Altoona, Pa. The Horseshoe Curve, the world's busiest mountain rail passage which enabled easy transport of freight over the Allegheny Mountains, celebrates its 150th annaiversary this year.

### Social worker shooting

NASHUA — A man accused of killing a social worker in 1999 is trying again to represent himself in court.

Daniel Ayer, 39, is on trial for a second time in the shooting death of Mark Rowland. His earlier conviction was overturned because he wasn't allowed to represent himself.

On Thursday, Ayer again said he wanted to handle his own defense, despite having two lawyers assigned to the case. He asked the court to declare a mistrial and described the judge's handling of the case as "a type of communism."

### Defendant plots to kill

GRANGEVILLE — A man in jail for selling sham medicinal water has been indicted on charges he tried to have a federal judge, a prosecutor and a tax agent killed.

David Hinkson, 47, was also accused of threatening to kill the children of both the prosecutor and federal agent as each watched.

The businessman is in jail, awaiting sentencing July 29 for tax evasion and selling misbranded drugs. He was convicted May 5 in a case involving his company WaterOz, which claimed its mineral water contained gold and silver and had medicinal properties.

### **Guilty plea entered**

HARTFORD — One of eight friends accused in the 1997 abduction, rape and murder of a 13-year-old girl pleaded no contest Tuesday to four charges, including felony murder.

As part of a plea agreement, 23-year-old Jeffrey Boyette Jr. is expected to be sentenced to 25 years in prison on Sept. 10. He also pleaded no contest to kidnapping, first-degree sexual assault and risk of injury to a minor.

Measles, of New Milford, was kidnapped outside a grocery store and driven to the edge of a river, where she was raped and killed, authorities said.

Boyette, now of Killeen, Texas, is the third of the friends to be convicted in the case

### Camping for nude teens

VA RICHMOND — A lawsuit filed Tuesday challenges a new state law that effectively bans nude summer camps for teenagers, saying it violates the constitutional right to privacy.

The American Civil Liberties Union sued in federal court to keep the state from shutting down a no-clothing camp for juveniles in late July at the White Tail Park nudist camp in Ivor.

The law was passed in March in response to a weeklong residential camp for 11- to 18-year-olds last June at White Tail.

It was the first in Virginia and only the third such au naturel camp for juveniles in the nation, according to the American Association of Nude Recreation.

### Grazing lawsuit filed

MT BUTTE — Three environmental groups sued Tuesday to stop a U.S. Forest Service livestock grazing plan in southwest Montana, west of Yellowstone Na-

tional Park.

The lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court at Missoula by The Native Ecosystems Council, The Alliance for the Wild Rockies and The Ecology Center.

It refers to the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest's plan to manage about 48,000 acres in the Antelope Basin and Elk Lake area, north of the Redrocks Lake National Wildlife refuge. The groups contend the plan is skewed toward livestock at the expense of sage grouse and other wildlife dependent on sacebrush babitars.

Forest Service officials said 41 percent of the area won't be grazed by livestock during any given year under the new management plan, already in force. About 19,000 acres are rested each year under a rest-rotation grazing system, and another 5,500 acres have seen set aside to protect lands around lakes and sensitive streams.

### Death row is hot, dirty

MS JACKSON — A federal appeals court ruled that conditions on Mississippi's death row are so bad that they amounts to cruel and unusual punishment, with inmates stuck in filthy, hot cells and given inadequate mental health care.

A three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Monday ordered the state Department of Corrections to make changes including repairing toilets, adding screen windows and fans and improving mental health care.

The court also directed the state to house inmates with severe mental illnesses separately from others.

The state had argued that no inmate had suffered an illness or physical harm as a result of conditions cited in a lawsuit.

But the appeals panel upheld an earlier ruling by U.S. Magistrate Jerry Davis in favor of death row inmate Willie Russell and other prisoners who sued over the conditions at the state penitentiary at Parchman.

### More buses wanted

NH CONCORD — The Department of Transportation wants to increase the number of bus runs to Boston to help reduce traffic during the planned widening of Interstate 93.

As part of the \$420 million project to add lanes between Manchester and Salem, the state will spend about \$10 million to buy 10 buses and hire a private company to run them.

The arrangement will help bus companies turn a profit because although they have no trouble filling the buses in the morning and evenings, the buses sit idle in Boston most of the day.

### Adult smoking unchanged

AK ANCHORAGE — Fewer youths are taking up cigarettes, but just about as many adults as ever are continuing the habit, according to a state report.

The percentage of high school

students who have taken a puff dropped from 72 percent in 1995 to 56 percent in 2003. The rate for adults has remained about 27 percent for more than a decade.

Stories and photos from The Associated

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### J Horoscope

This is the last day of Mercury's stay in Cancer. Tomorrow, the planet of communication transits into bigger-than-life Leo, and the conversational tone chang-Joyce Jillson es enormously. Enjoy the subtleties of human expres sion while you still can. If someone is keeping your secret, reinforce to this

person that you're counting on him or her TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 3). You're a tower of strength this year! Decisive goal setting brings professional rewards in the next seven weeks. Know your worth, and don't settle for less than

your true value. The new people who enter your scene in August enrich vour life September is romantic - some of you will marry. Good signs for new relationships are Capricom or Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19). For the most part, relationships just click, but there's always the exception. If there's one thing you can't stand, it's to feel like you're being placated. Challenge the offending party to talk frankly so you'll know where you stand.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're usually hard on yourself, but maybe you shouldn't blame yourself for recent atmospheric disturbances. When no one is threatening to your self-esteem, you're simply gracious.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're very cool and popular - you know what's "in." and you wouldn't be caught dead out of style. It's easy to get caught up in meeting the needs of your friends and family. especially because it's so rewarding to be helpful.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're into convenience. You may be accused of being unromantic, but

your pragmatism will be appreciated by the right people - people who are busy just like you. Go after what you want as if you know you're going to get it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's a head spinner of a day. Though there are many interpretations and reactions to the events that unfold, there is really only one truth. You provide the reality check that someone close

to you really needs. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're in a sassy mood. Anyone

who wants you to conform will be sadly disappointed! You'd rather

persist in questioning the conventional so-called wisdom. Loved ones want to laugh, play and knock around ideas

LIBRA (Sept. 23-0ct. 23). The impossible challenge of main taining health, beauty and utter perfection is your focus. It's not easy to relax when your standards are this high, but

then again, you'd never get anywhere if you didn't shoot for

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Glitches in the schedule could actual ly be a benefit to all involved. Be easygoing and unattached to the outcome. This might seem like an impossible order when things blow up into a bigger deal than they should be

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your ideas about romance and freedom may conflict. Keep working through this in your mind, but don't bring it up to your partner, as much as you'd like to, or you could do some permanent damage to the relationship.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You deserve to be free! Loved ones won't completely understand you. If you're going to fight, fight fair.

Keep the objective problem in focus, talk about one situation at a time, and stick to the subject at

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The schedule doesn't go as planned, but you'll turn it into some thing better. Anything outside the normal routine is where you want to be! You're craving variety, color, culture and excitement. New people help you grow in spirit.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your sense of humor carries you through (but even an automaton would have to laugh at the ridiculous nature of today's activities). Subtle signals now seem overt. For those who are ill, healing happens quickly.

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### **Peanuts**























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### **Eugene Sheffer Crossword**

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals P

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### Surrogate mom faces dilemma JUMBLE

Dear Abby: I am a 33-year-old single mother of two, in the process of moving to a new state to be near my family. My older sister and her husband have asked me to be the surrogate mother of a child for them. They have been trying to conceive a child for a long time without success. I Dear Abby

agreed without reservation.
My problem is my boyfriend, "Pete." He doesn't understand how I can do it, and why I didn't ask his permission before deciding. We have been together only since September, and I didn't feel it was a decision that

I needed to run past him. Although I am excited about being a surrogate for my sister, Pete is making me feel guilty about it. He insists he is just worried about me. I love Pete, but I don't want to feel guilty about the wonderful choice I have made. What should I do

- Surrogate Sister Dear Sister: Arrange an

er-in-law and Pete. Perhaps if he hears firsthand from them about the pain of not being able to conceive a child, he will bette understand what you have decided to do. However, if it fails to give him the necessary insight

you may have to choose between your wish to be a surrogate and your current boy-

### Dear Abby: Two

years ago I got in-volved with a man who was going through a divorce. I'll call him Tom. Our relationship was great. We got along well and enjoyed each other's company

Shortly after learned I was pregnant, he left me to go back to his wife. It has been a constant game of

back-and-forth ever since Our son arrived in June, but Tom has made no effort to help support me or the baby. However, he has made an attempt to

and go to college. They threaten to kick me out because I talk to Tom and want our baby to know his father. I wonder if I should let him see the baby, if I should try to move out on my own, or if I should stay here and continue to

live under my parents' control. Do you think it is fair for them to give me an ultimatum? On the one hand, I don't think it's right to keep him from seeing the

baby; on the other, it's not right that he doesn't help with support. - Depressed in Pennsylvania Dear Depressed: Your parents may be heavy-handed, but they

have your best interests at heart. The best way to assure your child's future is to stay where you are and finish your education. I agree that your ex-boyfriend

should contribute to his son's support. To ensure that he does talk to a lawyer about what his legal responsibilities are. Visitation can be arranged at that time. Letters for this column - with your name and phone number - should addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby Universal Press Syndicate

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to form four ordinary words

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME



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### **Family Circus**



"The peas keep jumpin' off my fork!"

### **Etiquette of a memorial picnic**

Dear Annie: My husband passed away a few months ago, and ner his wishes, there was no funeral. However, now his mother and I would like to have a memorial picnic and invite my husband's close friends. family and coworkers to spend a casual day re membering him.

Is there any particular etiquette regarding this type of memorial? We are thinking of serving barbecued chicken, hot dogs and salads, but it would be difficult to know how much food we need because we don't know how many people will show up. Would it be appropriate to make this a "potluck" memorial for anyone who cares to bring a dish? How else can we make it special? - Texas

Dear Texas: The food selection is unimportant, although we aren't crazy about the "potluck" idea, mostly because it means the duties of hosting then belong

### Annie's Mailbox

to all attendees. Since this is your late husband's memorial, that

seems inappropriate. When you call to invite people, ask them to bring along their memories of your late husband. Also ask if they think they will be able to attend and plan accordingly

### Dear Annie: I read

the letter from "Sorry Daughter," who discovered a poem among her late mother's posses sions that read, "If you ever loved me, tell me now." She said it broke her heart to think her mother felt unloved.

I grew up in a house where love was not expressed verbally. I, too, have had that poem in my wallet for many years. Now I think I will add a short explanation to it, so my daughters won't misunderstand when they find it later. I can count on one hand the number of times I told my mother that I loved her. It's been over

20 years since she died. If I were granted a day to spend with any person who ever lived, I would pick my mother, just so I could tell her that.

- Peace to You Dear Peace: That letter touched something in our read-

ers. Here's one more:

From Out East: I am a very shy person and would not think of writing to you until I saw the letter from "Sorry Daughter." I hope she will rethink why her mother kept that poem. I have had this same poem taped to my bedroom mirror for years. I cherish it and want my children to see it after I die because it shows them the happiness they brought me, and how sad my life would have been without their love. I love my children and their families beyond words and want them to know.

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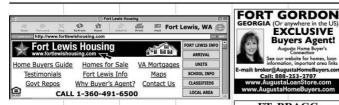
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### Williams, Sharapova reach Wimbledon final

BY STEPHEN WILSON The Associated Press

WIMBLEDON England - Serena Williams rallied from a set and 3-1 down - winning three key points with a cracked racket to defeat Amelie Mauresmo and advance to the Wimbledon

final for the third straight year. Williams, trying to become the third woman in 35 years to win

three consecutive titles, won 6-7 (4), 7-5, 6-4 in a topsy-turvy match full of drama, momentum swings, spectacular shots and animated displays of emotion by

both players. Williams will face 17-year-old Maria Sharapova in Saturday's final. Sharapova, who also came back from a set and 3-1 down. beat former champion Lindsay Davenport, 2-6, 7-6 (5), 6-1 to con-

firm her reputation as the biggest new star in the game

It took nearly 2½ hours for Willms to overcome Mauresmo who received treatment several times on her lower back but pushed the champion to the limit.

When the Frenchwoman hit a forehand wide on match point. Williams jumped high into the air with her arms extended. She curtsied and blew kisses to the Centre Crowd, which gave the players a standing ovation

"This is definitely the most special moment in my career, right now," Williams said. It's the first trip back to a

Grand Slam final for Williams since she beat her sister Venus for last year's Wimbledon title. She underwent surgery on her left knee last August and was sidelined for eight months.

"It was really tough out there today," Williams said. "I was more excited than anything because it's been a really tough yea for me. I'm here and I really feel

like I'm playing good again. Playing in her first Grand Slam semifinal, Sharapova hit a stun-ning 46 winners — 20 more than Davenport — to overcome the 1999 champion 2-6, 7-6 (5), 6-1. She's the first Russian woman to

reach the Wimbledon final since Olga Morozova in 1974. "It's unbelievable," Sharapova said. "I'm in the final. It's absolutely crazy. It's my favorite Grand Slam. I never in the world expected to do so well here, so early. I'm amazed." When Sharapova ripped a fore-

hand winner off a Davenport first serve to go up 4-1 in the third set the match was all but over.

She held at love in the next game and then broke a demoral-ized Davenport to end the contest. After hitting a running back hand winner to set up match point, Sharapova stroked a deep return and Davenport pushed a forehand long.

Sharapova looked up at the sky, covered her mouth in amazement and waved and blew kisses to all corners of the Centre Court stadium. She's the youngest Wimble-don finalist since Martina Hingis,

who won the title in 1997 at 16 The 1 hour, 53-minute match featured tremendous shotmaking by Sharapova, who hit 20 fore hand winners from the baseline. She also managed to neutralize Davenport's big serve and, despite eight double-faults, served

six aces of her own. "She totally deserved it," Dav-enport said. "I had control of the match and she took it from me. When I started to have a chance here or there, she always came un with great shots.

The match turned Sharapova's way after a 52-minute rain delay in the second set, with Davenport leading 2-1. After Davenport held for 3-1, Sharapova won 12 of the next 16 points to go up 4-3. She

never trailed again. For a while, it looked like Williams was on her way to losing to Mauresmo for only the second time in eight matches. After blow-ing two set points while serving for the first set and losing the tie breaker, she found herself down

Then came a bizarre turning point. Williams slammed her rack et to the ground, cracking the frame, after making a backhand error to go down 0-30 on her serve. She kept playing with the racket and won three straight points before it buckled completely. She changed rackets and won the next point to hold.

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Williams broke in the next game and went on to win the set. which ended with Mauresmo hitting a second serve way long for a double fault.

The third set swung back and forth, with both players shouting and pumping their fists after big points. When Williams hit a back hand passing shot down the line serving at 3-3, she arched her back and clutched her fists in a long pose. The only service break came in the last game when Williams smacked a backhand return winner to set up match point, followed by Mauresmo's shanked



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### Lakers, Krzyzewski

### in talks about job

RALEIGH, N.C. - The Los Angeles Lakers are in "serious discussions" with Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski about their coaching vacancy.

Krzyzewski, a Hall of Fame coach, has led Duke to three na tional championships in almost a quarter-century at the school. He informed school officials that the Lakers had contacted him about the job, Duke athletic director Joe Alleva said Thursday.

Krzyzewski was not available for comment, the school said. A message left with Lakers spokes man John Black was not immediately returned.

Alleva said he and Duke president Richard Brodhead recently had dinner with Krzyzewski and told the coach they wanted him to finish his career at Duke.

'We have long believed that Mike is the best coach in the country," Alleva said in the statement. "The Lakers' interest in him merely confirms what we have

Krzyzewski has compiled a 621-179 record in 24 seasons at Duke, leading the Blue Devils to NCAA championships in 1991, 1992 and 2001. Under Krzyzewski, the Blue Devils have 10 Final Four appearances, eight Atlantic Coast Conference tournament championships and 10 conference regular season titles

The Lakers announced June 18 three days after losing to the Detroit Pistons in the NBA Finals that Phil Jackson wouldn't re turn as coach next season. Jack son, who signed a five-year, \$30 million contract with the Lakers in June 1999, guided them to championships in his first three

### **Bol** seriously injured in highway accident

COLCHESTER, Conn. Former NBA center Manute Bol was seriously injured in a car acci-

Bol was riding in a cab Wednes day night when it hit a guardrail and swerved across both lanes be fore hitting a rock ledge and rolling over, killing the driver and throwing the 7-foot-7 Bol from the car. Bol sustained a head injury and was taken by helicopter to Hartford Hospital, state police spokesman J. Paul Vance said. Bol's condition wasn't released Thursday.

The accident happened about 30 miles southeast of Rol's home in West Hartford.

He spent 11 seasons in the NBA with four teams, blocking more shots per minute than anyone in league history. He retired in 1995, averaging 4.2 rebounds and 2.6 points during his career.

### Greece stuns Czech Republic in Euro 2004 soccer semis

PORTO, Portugal - Greece jolted the European Champion ships again, beating the Czech Republic 1-0 in overtime Thursday on a header by Traianos Dellas.

The Greeks, winless in other major soccer appearances, will play host Portugal in Lisbon on Sunday for the title.

### Sports briefs

This marks the first time in 40 years a Euro final will be staged between two first-time finalists. Greece defeated defending champion France 1-0 in the quarterfinals and beat Portugal 2-1 in the opening game.

### Ex-NBA star Murphy indicted on sexual abuse counts

HOUSTON - NBA Hall of Famer Calvin Murphy was indicted Thursday on six counts of sexually abusing five of his daughters more than 10 years ago. The former Houston Rockets

star, who is on leave from his job as an analyst for Rockets telecasts, also was arraigned on three counts of appravated sevual assault and three counts of indecency with a child, assistant district attorney Lance Long said. "Calvin adamantly insists that

he is innocent of these charges and is anxious to present his side to a jury at trial," Murphy's law-Rusty Hardin, said

Murphy was charged March 29 after five daughters accused him of sexually abusing them between 1988 and 1991, when they ranged in age from 6 to 13. Murphy, 55, has contended the allegations stem from a family battle over money, an explanation Long has dismissed.

He remains free on \$20,000 bail. If convicted, Murphy could receive five years to life in prison for the aggravated offenses and two to 20 years for the indecency violations. He also could be eligible for probation because he does not have a criminal history.

Murphy, a guard for the Rock-

ets from 1970 to 1983, has 14 children by nine women.

### Yankees' Sheffield in dispute with former agent Boras

NEW YORK - Gary Sheffield contends Scott Boras, his former agent, has no right to a percentage of the salary he's earning with the New York Yankees.

Boras filed paperwork request-ing 5 percent of the \$39 million. three-year contract Sheffield signed with the Yankees last off-season, the New York Post reported. Boras said Sheffield agreed to let him represent the outfielder when his last contract with Atlanta ran out, the newspaper said.

Sheffield disagrees, saying he negotiated his current deal with Yankees owner George Steinbrenner himself. And the slugger said he hired a lawyer to file a griev-ance on his behalf.

Boras denied Sheffield's allega-

"There is a resolution process when player and agent disputes arise in which we submitted a claim," Boras said. "This process is something that will take place outside of the season and we trust the focus should remain on the season, the performance of the team and a player's own performance. It's unfortunate baseless allegations regarding these matters are discussed during a base-

### TANK MCNAMARA



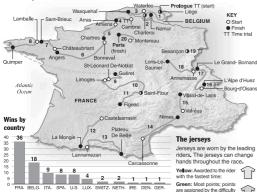


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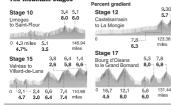




Five-time winners No one has won the Tour de France more than five times

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### mstrong has many obstacles

### SIXTH, FROM BACK PAGE

He is shadowed by a new book "L.A. Confidential, The Secrets of Lance Armstrong," that insinu-ates he probably has used drugs.

The French-language book by journalists Pierre Ballester and David Walsh hit stores about three weeks ago.

Armstrong has faced such accusations before - not least from Tour fans shouting along the route - and responded with lawsuits and an umpteenth denial.

"We don't use doning products," he said during a news conference June 15. "We're sick and tired of these allegations and

we're going to do everything we can to fight them. They're absolutely untrue."

Armstrong also has a weight off his mind now that the Discovery Channel has agreed to three-year, multimillion-dollar deal to replace U.S. Postal Service as the team sponsor next year. Instead of contemplating retirement. Armstrong plans to ride next year's Tour and possibly beyond.

"This is my job, to race and to win the Tour," he told cycling-news.com. "And the day that I don't show up worried about the competition, about myself, about my team, about the equipment, about the budget, about the spon-

sors, that's the day I have to go

In the flat, fast first half of the counterclockwise race, he will look to his eight teammates for protection. Called "domestiques" in French because such riders labor like servants for their leader, they devote themselves to taming the flock of nearly 200 racers, shielding Armstrong from crash-es, wind and challengers.

The crunch with Ullrich, or others, most likely will come in the last eight days over mountain stages and time trials. There, in cycling's version of man-to-man

combat, Armstrong is at his best. Such riding allows him to sip champagne in the final ride to the finish on Paris' Champs-Elysees.



T-Mobile team leader Jan Ullrich, far right, is expected to be one of Lance Armstrong's top rivals this year. The German won the Tour de France in 1997 and has finished second five times.

### **Doping allegations take** center stage once again

BY JAMEY KEATEN

The Associated Press PARIS - As hundreds of riders

got ready for the start of cycling's premier race, a shadow created by numerous doping allegations hung over the Tour de France.

Drawing the most attention was a claim from a former assistant to five-time Tour champion Lance Armstrong. The woman said in a recently released book that the American superstar asked her to dispose of used syringes and that she gave him makeup to conceal needle marks on his arm.

Armstrong insists drug-free and is suing the book's

Another moment came last week when police raided the home of world champion cyclist David Millar and said they found

They also said Millar confessed to using doping products.

Episodes like that have made this cycling's worst year since - when drug busts and police raids threatened the integrity of the Tour.

"Cycling is normally a professional sport, but the revelations about the way it functions show that it's really not," France's sports minister, Jean-Francois Lamour, said in a recent inter-

There is now pressure on cycling's governing body, the UCI, to act. It says it will denloy new methods during this Tour to unmask cheats, like using blood tests to monitor riders.

In the past, only urine tests were used. Blood was drawn, but solely to check for health abnormalities such as an excess of red blood cells, a possible indicator of doning - but not proof

UCI doctor Mario Zorzoli told The Associated Press that the new blood tests can detect banned substances such as synthetic hemoglobin, which increases oxygen in the muscles, and human-growth hormone, which boosts the effect of performance enhancers.

Some riders who have come forward to expose drug use say coaches pressured them to break rules. The rewards of winning also inspire cheats.

"Doping is a financial godsend," Tour de France director Jean-Marie Leblanc told the AP

"There's a lot of money in doping. Millar, the defending world time trial champion and winner of a Tour time trial last year, has been barred from this year's race.

He risks becoming the ninth person placed under formal investigation in a French doping probe that has enveloped current and former members of his Cofidis team.

In February, popular Italian rider Marco Pantani, the 1998 Tour winner who tested positive for drugs in 1999, died of a cocaine overdose in a hotel room.

"Sometimes, it takes a death or maybe more than one death for people to say ... it's time to do something," David Howman, director-general of the World Anti-Doping Agency, said in a telephone interview.

In March, Spanish cyclist Jesus Manzano alleged that doctors on his former team. Kelme, pressured him to take performance enhancers that reportedly left him

close to dying. Kelme denied the charges, but Tour organizers barred the team

from this year's race.
In the new book, "L.A. Confidential, the Secrets of Lance Armstrong," former Armstrong assistant Emma O'Reilly made claims that revived past suspicions about the cycling champion, who came back from cancer in 1999 to win the grueling three-week race.

But the book offers no real proof to back up its suggestions that the 32-year-old Texan has doped.

And allegations that some riders cheat have never stopped millions from lining the Tour route.

Even Richard Virenque, a French rider at the center of the 1998 doping scandal, has since been cheered wildly as he muscled up steep climbs

Virenque, one of France's favorite riders, was let off the hook in 2000 after he admitted doping.

But his comments at the time showed how deep the problem

"We don't say doping. We say we're preparing for the race," he said then. "To take drugs is to cheat. As long as the person doesn't test positive, they're not taking drugs.

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### RACING STRIPES

### The chase within the race

### Starting with Pepsi 400, next 10 events all about position for Cup shootout

The Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. ven from his perch atop the points standings, Jimmie Johnson hasn't wavered in his dislike for NASCAR's new championship system.

Johnson heads into the Pepsi 400 Saturday night at Daytona International Speedway with a 27-point lead over Dale Earnhardt Jr., an advantage that doesn't mean as much as it used to.

Under NASCAR's new formula, all drivers in the top 10 in the standings and anyone within 400-points of the leader will start over after the 26th race of the season. Those drivers will then compete in a 10-race shootout to crown the champion.

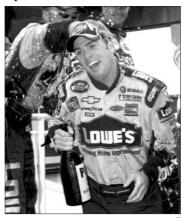
"I don't feel it really represents what a true champion needs to do in the course of a year," Johnson said. "Our sport is founded on long races and a long season. I think our point system should reflect that

Johnson believes NASCAR created the new system to add a bit drama to what had become ho-hum points races over the final stretch of the season

"It has a lot of entertainment value, but when you're a competitor looking to find an advantage and working the sport year 'round. I don't think this point system really reflects what we have to do week in and week out," he

The push for the championship chase begins with the Pensi 400 the first of the final 10 races before NASCAR sets the field for the "playoff." Heading into Saturday night at

least a dozen drivers were in posi-



Nextel Cup points leader Jimmie Johnson is no fan of NASCAR's new system for crowning a Cup champion. "It has a lot of entertainment value, but when you're a competitor looking to find an advantage and working the sport year 'round, I don't think this point system really reflects what we have to do week in and week out," he said.

tion to make the cut. Several others were on the fringe — reaching all the way back to 19th-place Sterling Marlin, who was 688 points back. A few good finishes could loft even Marlin into the 400-point range.

NASCAR chairman and CEO

Brian France thinks that's the beauty of the new system. Once the points reset for the final 10 races drivers who normally would have zero chance at winning the championship are now contenders.

"You're seeing drivers that

that are not out of it today," France said. "So it's going to be what we all hoped for, a lot more excitement a lot more drama, a lot more fan hases energized as a result of the system. And frankly, the competition has heated up.'

Johnson has been fairly consistent in his five previous Daytona - three top 10s, and his lowest finish was 18th in this race last year. But he knows everyone behind him is coming after him. and the high-speeds at Daytona's

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that cut, I would expect to see some crazy

hapthings pening," he said. "After this weekend, we'll all have a pretty good idea of how things will lay out and who's in contention and who needs to be desperate.'

Earnhardt, who won this event in 2001 and captured the sea-son-opening Daytona 500 this year, will not be one of the desperate drivers. He's been a firm fixture at or near the top of the standings all season, and that's not expected to change after Saturday night.

He's got nine victories in 27 starts at Daytona in various NASCAR series and has finished seventh or better in the past three Pensi 400s. Farnhardt who has seemed to

master the restrictor-plate races

ready to race for another win

"Daytona rewards a good handling car," he said. "Look at how the 500 developed - it was more spread out than in the nast because good handling cars were able to pull away from the pack. I think you'll see more of that this weekend.'

Michael Waltrip, Earnhardt's teammate at Dale Earnhardt Inc., is expected to be among the top contenders. Waltrip has won three of the past seven races at

Daytona and his team headed into Pensi 400 on a roll he posted top-10 finishes his last 10 races to climb from

30th to 18th in the standings. But Wal-

trip knows how quickly things can go wrong at Daytona: He was in a frightening wreck in the season-opener, flipping his car at least three times and finishing

Don't count out Jeff Gordon, Johnson's teammate at Hendrick Motorsports who is coming off last weekend's dominating win on

the road course in California. But Gordon already scored a restrictor-plate win this year at Talladega, and he's never won two plate races in the same year. Still, he thinks the Hendrick

fleet should give the DEI cars some competition. "We're making gains in our

plate program," he said, "and hopefully we'll be challenging for the win at the end of the race.

### NASCAR NEXTEL CUP

### Race 17: Pepsi 400, 8 a.m. Sunday, AFN-Pacific & AFN-Korea

Last race: Jeff Gordon overcame his bad luck the previous week and won the Dodge/Save Mart 350 at Sonoma, Calif., for his third victory of

Gordon led 81 of the first 88 laps at



Michigan before leaving with engine failure Last year: Greg Biffle became the

first rookie to win a Nextel Cup race at Daytona International Speedway with his victory in the Pepsi 400



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has six top-10 finish-es in his last six races. ... Dale Earn-hardt Jr. drove to an emotional victory in the 2001 race, where his father was killed

FAST FACTS

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ng. Last year: Dale Earnhardt Jr. won hourth straight Busch Series race, leading all 100 laps of the Winn-Dixle 250. Fast facts: Earnhardt Jr. won the se son-opening Hershey's Kisses 300 at Daytona on Feb. 14. ... Kyle Busch and Martin Truex Jr. share the series lead for most top-five finishes (8) and most top-10 placings (12) this season.

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### CRAFTSMAN TRUCK

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### CHAMP CARS This week: Grand Prix of Cleveland.

runo Junqueira. Last year: Bourdais crossed the fin-sh line with his car banged up from a ste collision to win the Cleveland

### FORMULA ONE

This week: French Grand Prix at June 20.

Last year: Ralf Schumacher won the French Grand Prix for his second straight victory. Michael Schumacher finished third.

### Amateur leads Women's Open, but it's not Wie

BY DOUG FERGUSON The Associated Press

SOUTH HADLEY, Mass. - A teenager is leading the U.S. Women's Open.

No. not that one

Brittany Lincicome, 18-year-old from Florida who just finished her last year of home school, watched kids younger than her play in the Women's Open, nearly win on the LPGA Tour and even compete against the men. She knew she had as much game, but was willing to

wait her turn. Her time came Thursday in her first Open, a round that left her crying for joy and in a mild state of shock over a 5-under 66 that

gave her a one-shot lead and ers at Orchards Golf Club matched the best score ever by an amateur.

"I birdied 10 and it went from there," she said, "I don't even

know what happened." She made short birdie putts on two of the next three holes, then hit the shot of her young life - a chip 7-iron under the trees, the ball rolling onto the 15th green and slipping in the right side of the cup for an eagle. She shot 30 on the back nine, tying a Women's Open record.

And just like that, she stole the thunder from 14-year-old Michelle Wie and 17-year-old Paula Creamer, the most heralded girls among a record 16 teenag-

Lincicome a 6-foot blonde with a ponytail and easy smile, also put it on the pros Patricia Meunier-LeBouc, the '03 Kraft Nabisco champion with

a 4-month-old daughter, birdied the final four holes for a 67, twice holing 25-foot putts. Only five others among the

early starters broke par in a calm first round that turned nasty.

Annika Sorenstam birdied her first hole when the first sign of storms approached. Four pars later, the Orchards was swamped with heavy rain and thunder, suspending the first round for three

Not even the loud clans of thunder could shake Lincicome from come's sterling back nine. They were all following Wie, who recovered from a double bogey on the par-3 fifth by hitting a 5-wood from 220 yards into 9 feet for eagle on her final hole for a 71.

"It could have been a lot worse today, and that eagle really got me on the right foot for tomorrow," she said.

Creamer, a senior-to-be who was second and 12th the last two weeks on the LPGA Tour, was 3 over through 10 holes but recovered for a 72

Grace Park, who has finished first and third in the other two majors this year, and two-time Women's Open champion Juli Inkster were among those at even-par 71.

Defending champion Hilary Lunke showed plenty of heart. She was 4 over after four holes about what everyone imagined from a short hitter on a course playing every bit of its 6,473 vards. But Lunke buckled down with birdies, and a bogev on the 18th hole left her with a respect-

Still, the day belonged to a teen who might soon be making headlines of her own.

"I figured that one of these days, if I proved myself, then people would notice who I was," she said. "I wasn't really worried. Michelle Wie and everyone gets way more press. But I figured if you play good here, then it will

### Lindros becomes free agent

The Associated Press

Eric Lindros joined the free-agent market Wednesday when the New York Rangers declined to pick up the \$10.25 million option on the oft-injured center's contract.

When the hockey shopping season opened Thurs-day, the 31-year-old Lindros was free to sign with any club. It is unlikely that Lindros will return to the Rangers, with whom he played the past three seasons after being traded by Philadelphia.

Clubs had until midnight EDT Wednesday to make qualifying offers to restricted free agents to keep their rights and prevent them from becoming unrestricted. Normally players need to be 31 before becoming unrestricted, but any not given qualifying offers are free to sign anywhere.

The Toronto Maple Leafs were busy on Wednesday, signing potential free agents Ed Belfour, Joe

Nieuwendyk, Gary Roberts, and Aki Berg. Belfour, Nieuwendyk and Roberts could have become unrestricted free agents and Berg would have

been restricted. The market is expected to be slow with teams trying to slash payrolls in anticipation of a new financial landscape in the NHL.

The league's collective bargaining agreement with the players association expires Sept. 15, and a lockout that could threaten next season is a distinct possibility

The NHL is seeking "cost certainty," which the union believes is a synonym for a salary cap — a solution the players association refuses to accept. In Thursday's NHL news:

Colorado Avalanche forwards Paul Kariya and Teemu Selanne became unrestricted free agents. Joining them were Andrei Nikolishin, Matthew Barnaby, Jim Cummins and Steve Moore, whose season ended when he was punched from behind by Vancouver's Todd Bertuzzi

The team signed forward Chris Gratton and defenseman Bob Boughner to multiyear deals and reached a one-year deal with steady defenseman Karlis Skrastins. Forward Peter Worrell accepted

his qualifying offer to return next year. Center Kris Draper re-signed with the Detroit Red Wings, agreeing to a four-year contract. Draper had career-high 24 goals last season and won the

Selke Trophy as the NHL's top defensive forward. ■ The St. Louis Blues declined to make a \$6.5 million qualifying offer to Pavol Demitra, allowing the

29-year-old forward to become a free agent In 494 regular-season games, all in St. Louis, Demitra has 204 goals and 289 assists. He is fifth on the team's career points and assists lists. But Demitra has struggled in the playoffs. In 66 career post-

season games, Demitra has 18 goals and 25 assists.

The Carolina Hurricanes declined to offer goaltender Kevin Weekes a one-year, \$2.35 million qualifying offer by midnight Wednesday, allowing him to become a free agent

General Manager Jim Rutherford said the team may yet try to re-sign Weekes, but wasn't interested in paying him comparably to the \$2.35 million he made last season

■ Free agent forwards John Madden and Jay Pandolfo re-signed with the New Jersey Devils.

Madden, an unrestricted free agent, and Pan-dolfo. a restricted free agent, signed multivear contracts, team president Lou Lamoriello said. He declined to discuss specifics of the deals. Brent Johnson signed a one-year deal with the

Phoenix Covotes, who acquired the goaltender from St. Louis late last season.

■ The Dallas Stars signed right wing Aaron Downey to a one-year contract.

### **Champs show clout**



DAVE ORNAUER/Stars and Stripe

lesse Herrera of Pacific Force of Okinawa hits a first-inning single against Prime Time of Okinawa on Thursday in the 9th Firecracker Shootout Open Softball Tournament at Camp Foster, Okinawa. Defending champion Pacific Force scored 11 first-inning runs and defeated Prime Time 11-0 in five innings.

### Warriors' Dampier opts out of contract offer the restricted free agent

NBA

OAKLAND, Calif. - Golden State Warriors center Erick Dampier has opted out of his contract and become a free agent. The 29-year-old Dampier is coming off the most

productive season in his eight-year career. He averaged 12.3 points, 12.0 rebounds and 1.85 blocked shots in 321/2 minutes per game. Dampier ranked fourth in the league in rebounding and seventh with 42 double-doubles. He has

hired a new agent, Dan Fegan, in Los Angeles. The Warriors also hired former Atlanta Hawks coach Terry Stotts as an assistant on Mike Montgomerv's staff.

### Clippers make offer to Richardson

LOS ANGELES - The Los Angeles Clippers made a qualifying offer to guard Quentin Richardson on Wednesday, enabling them to match any might receive.

Richardson averaged career bests of 17.2 points, 6.4 rebounds and 2.1 assists in 65 games for Los Angeles last season

Richardson 24 will be eligible to talk with any team during the first two weeks of July. The Clippers would have 15 days to match any contract offer he receives

### Raptors hire Pete Babcock

TORONTO - The Toronto Raptors hired former Atlanta Hawks general manager Pete Babcock on Wednesday to be their director of NBA player per-

Babcock, the brother of new Raptors General Manager Rob Babcock, will focus on free agents and trades.

### Interservice scoreboard

### Softball 9th Firecracker Shootout At Foster Sports Complex, Camp Foster, Okinawa

Men's A Division Yokota Samurai, Japan NMCB-133, Okinawa Pacific Force, Okinawa

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### Sox complete sweep, pad AL Central lead

### Lee's two-run homer supports Garland as Chicago moves two ahead of Twins

MINNEAPOLIS - Carlos Lee hit a two-run homer, Jon Garland pitched seven innings and the Chicago White Sox completed a three-game sweep of the Minneso ta Twins with a 2-1 victory Thursday. The White Sox, who moved two games

ahead of Minnesota in the AL Central, have won six of seven at the Metrodome this year. Chicago is nine games over .500, matching its season high.

Garland (6-5) won for the first time in five starts since June 4, scattering seven hits while walking three and striking out

Damaso Marte got six outs for his fourth save. He struck out Joe Mauer with a runner on second to end it.

The Twins wasted an outstanding performance by Johan Santana (6-5), who struck out 12 in eight innings. He gave up three hits and walked two. Santana has fanned 10 or more batters in four of his last five starts

Blue Javs 14. Devil Ravs 0: Eric Hinske had three of visiting Toronto's season-high 20 hits and drove in three runs

Miguel Batista (7-5) has won seven of his last nine decisions after going winless in his first seven starts. The right-hander allowed five singles in seven innings, struck out three and walked one.

Indians 7, Tigers 6 (10): Jody Gerut's home run in the 10th ended host Detroit's six-game winning streak.

Dmitri Young hit a grand slam for De troit and Bobby Higginson tied it 6-6 with a

Gerut homered to right on a 2-2 pitch from Ugueth Urbina (3-3) with one out in the 10th and Rick White got three outs for his first save

Athletics 7, Angels 3: Damian Miller hit two of Oakland's five home runs as the host Athletics completed a three-game sween Kirk Saarloos (1-0) pitched five-plus shut-

out innings in a spot start.

Bobby Crosby, Jermaine Dye and Bobby Kielty also connected for Oakland.

After Anaheim scored three runs in the seventh against Justin Lehr, Chad Bradford and Octavio Dotel finished up. In Wednesday's games:

Yankees 4. Red Sox 2: Boston first base man David Ortiz made a key error that allowed host New York to tie game in the seventh inning and Gary Sheffield put the Yankees ahead with a run-scoring double in

With the Yankees trailing 2-0, Tony Clark hit a sharp grounder right at Ortiz which squirted through his legs into shallow right field for an error that allowed two runs to score

Mike Timlin (4-3) allowed two runs on two hits, including Sheffield's go-ahead double, in one inning of relief.

Tom Gordon (2-2) struck out two in a perfect eighth and Mariano Rivera pitched the ninth for his 29th save in 30 chances.

White Sox 9, Twins 6: Freddy Garcia (5-7) won his debut for Chicago, allowing five runs — four earned — and seven hits in six innings with nine strikeouts

Paul Konerko, Jose Valentin, Joe Crede homered for the White Sox.

Brad Radke (4-4) allowed eight runs and 11 hits in six-plus innings.



Chicago White Sox slugger Frank Thomas is angry after popping out in the fourth inning of Thursday's game at Minnesota, Thomas had the consolation of Chicago winning 2-1.

Rangers 9, Mariners 6: At Seattle, Kenny Rogers (11-2) became the majors first 11-game winner, allowing three runs and six hits in five innings to win his seventh straight decision. Tigers 12, Indians 5: Ivan Rodriguez

went 3-for-4, raising his major league-lead ing average to .381. He hit .500 (43-for-86) in June, the first to hit .500 for a month since Colorado's Todd Helton in May 2000.

The host Tigers overcame a 3-0 deficit and have won six straight for the first time since May 2002

Nate Robertson (7-3) improved to 5-0 in his last eight starts, striking out eight while allowing three runs in seven innings.

Jason Davis (2-6) allowed seven runs and 12 hits in 51/3 innings.

Athletics 4, Angels 2: Marco Scutaro hit tiebreaking two-run single off Scot Shields (5-2) in the eighth. Chad Bradford (4-4) pitched two-thirds

of an inning and Octavio Dotel worked the ninth for his second save

Devil Rays 6, Blue Jays 2: Rey Sanchez hit his first over-the-wall homer since April 30, 2002, just his 15th in 4,684 career at-bats. The three-run shot came off Josh Towers (2-3), who allowed six runs and 11 hits in 42/3 innings.

Orioles 13, Royals 4: Newly promoted Chad Mottola hit his first major league homer since 1996, a drive off Brian Anderson (1-8). Miguel Tejada and David Newhan also homered to help visiting Baltimore match its season high for runs

### Leiter's shutout becomes a shootout; Mets hold on

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI - Al Leiter pitched seven shutout innings but the New York Mets' bullnen had to hang on for a 7-6 victory Thursday over the Cincinnati Reds.

Leiter (4-2) gave up only two hits, demonstrating that he's all the way back from the shoulder tendinitis that sidelined him in May. The left-hander is 5-1 with a 1.70 ERA since returning from the disabled list. The bullpen let most of a 6-0

lead slip away in the eighth, when the Reds sent 10 batters to the nlate Adam Dunn's RBI double off Ricky Bottalico ended the shutout bid and started a five-run rally.

Braden Looper relieved with two outs and gave up a bloop RBI single to pinch-hitter Ken Griffey Jr. and a run-scoring single by Javier Valentin, cutting it to 6-5.

Looper got out of the inning, and Jason Phillips doubled home a key insurance run in the ninth Looper gave up Dunn's 24th homer with two outs in the ninth. then retired Wily Mo Pena for his 15th save in 17 chances



Shane Spencer hit a three-run homer in the sixth off Jose Acevedo (4-7) and Eric Valent, Jose and Richard Hidalgo added solo shots for New York

Leiter struck out four, walked two and hit a batter. His pitches darted and his fastball reached 90 mph in the sixth inning. Since returning on June 1 from his shoulder problems, Leiter has allowed 21 hits and seven runs in six

Cubs 5, Astros 4 (10): Sammy Sosa's 552nd career homer won it for the host Cubs in the 10th.

Houston rallied from a 4-0 deficit, tying it when Carlos Beltran hit his second homer of the game and fourth of the series, a three-run shot in the eighth.

Sosa's 13th homer of the season came on the first pitch from Brad Lidge (2-4) and helped the Cubs take two of three from the Astros

Chicago's Mark Prior left with

a 4-1 lead, two on and one out in the eighth. Kent Mercker came out of the bullpen and Beltran hit his first pitch for a game-tying

In Wednesday's games:

Diamondbacks 8, Padres 5: Danny Bautista hit a go-ahead double in the seventh inning, and the Diamondbacks stopped their franchise-record losing streak at 11 games

Chad Tracy had a three-run homer. Ouinton McCracken hit a two run drive and Gonzalez had a run-scoring double as host Arizona rebounded from one-run deficits three times for its first victory since beating the New York Yankees 6-1 on June 17.

The Diamondbacks overcame four errors, which matched their season high. Starter Brandon Webb and Stephen Randolph each threw a wild pitch, but Randolph (2-1) struck out two in the

Elmer Dessens pitched a scoreess eighth, and Mike Koplove got his first major league save.

Giants 7, Dodgers 1: Barry

Bonds hit a three-run homer for his 1.300th career extra-base hit and Brett Tomko (3-4) came within two outs of his first major league shutout.

A.J. Pierzynski went 4-for-4 with a two-run double, helping the first-place Giants increase their lead over San Diego in the NL West to 21/2 games. The host Dodgers dropped 3½ games back. Ray Durham and former Dodger Marquis Grissom also homered off Hideo Nomo (3-10).

Braves 9. Marlins 6: J.D. Drew homered twice and Sam McConnell (1.0) earned his first major league victory in a game delayed 75 minutes by rain in the second inning.

was the seventh career two-homer game for Drew - his first since Oct. 3, 2001 - and he tied a career high with five RBIs for the host Braves, who moved within 3½ games of first in the NL East, Florida and Philadelphia are tied for the top spot.

Reds 2, Mets 0: Cory Lidle (6-5) topped Tom Glavine (7-5) and shut down the visiting Mets for the second time in a week.

Adam Dunn homered and Ryan Freel hit an RBI single off Glavine, whose 2.16 ERA is best in the majors.

Brewers 5, Rockies 4: Ben Sheets (7-5) struck out eight in seven-plus innings and Junior Spivey homered as visiting Milwaukee won its fourth straight.

Colorado's Larry Walker got his 2.000th career hit, a double in the fourth Expos 6, Phillies 3: Juan Riv-

era hit a go-ahead RBI single with two outs in the eighth, and the host Expos overcame Jim Thome's major league-leading 27th

Tony Batista and Brad Wilker son homered for Montreal, which was 0-37 when trailing after seven innings dating to Sept. 16

Joe Horgan (1-0) got one out in the seventh for his first major league victory.

Thome's two-run homer in the fifth off Zach Day was his 15th in June, tying a club record set by

Cy Williams in 1923.
Thome also helped the Phillies set a franchise record for homers in a month with 44.

## **SPORTS**



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Drive for five complete, Armstrong seeks to scale unprecedented heights

BY JOHN LEICESTER The Associated Press

 Lance Armstrong hopes to do what no other cyclist has done, a test so demanding it has blocked the four champions before him.

He wants to become the first six-time winner of the Tour de France, a punishing ride of 2.126 miles over countryside and mountains, three weeks of pain and sweat that burn the lungs and torment the legs.

Armstrong has won cycling's premier event the past five years. the first of his titles coming when he roared back from cancer.

Now, at 32, he gets to see if the competitive fire still burns.

The race begins its great loop Saturday in Liege, Belgium, the latest chapter in what has become one of the biggest rivalries in international sports: Armstrong vs. Jan Ullrich, the German who risks forever carrying the label as perpetual runner-up to the Texan.

Armstrong is trying to overtake the five-time Tour de France winners: Jacques Anquetil, Eddy Merckx, Bernard Hinault and Miguel Indurain.

Ullrich has a different agenda. He has yet to fulfill the promise he showed in 1997 when at 23 he won the Tour on his second attempt. He has been a Tour de France runner-up five times. One more such

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melk, a Dutchman who raced in the 1970s and '80s, as the only riders to place second six times

Ullrich was second to Arm-strong in 2000, 2001 and 2003 and to Bjarne Riis in 1996 and Marco Pantani in 1998. Last year marked the closest duel between Armstrong and Ullrich. Armstrong was not assured victory until Ullrich skidded and crashed in the next-to-last stage, a

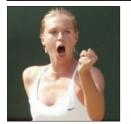
rain-soaked time trial. "This is my neighborhood, and nobody else is winning this race," Armstrong told himself in taking the key stage last year, a Pyrenean climb in which he fell, got up, screamed and stormed to victory in a rush of anger and adrenaline.

Predicting how Armstrong or Ullrich will fare in a trek as grueling and unpredictable as the Tour de France is uncertain. Only last year's race unfolded did it become clear that Armstrong, who won the warmup Dauphine Libere event, was struggling.

Ullrich, meanwhile, was coming back from injury and a ban for using recreational drugs and riding with a team rescued from financial peril. Yet he almost pulled it off — losing to Arm-

strong by just 61 seconds. Armstrong must again ignore distractions, no easy task for a mil-lionaire celebrity who counts President Bush among his friends and has taken up with singer Sher-yl Crow since divorcing his wife, Kristin, after last year's Tour.

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Rising star Sharapova rallies to stun **Davenport: defending** champion S. Williams holds off Mauresmo to earn spots in Wimbledon final

Ullrich by only 61

AP photo

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